

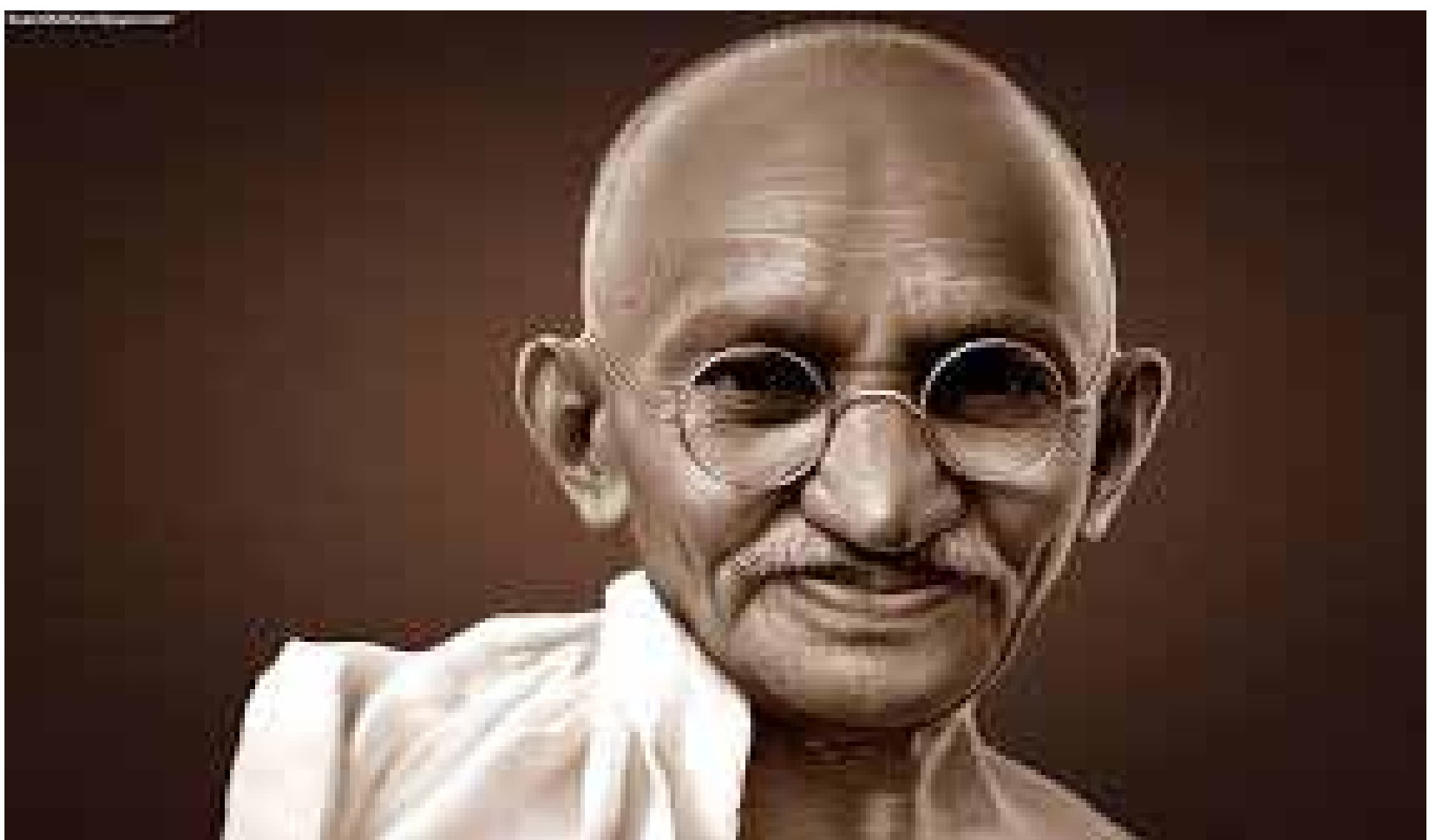
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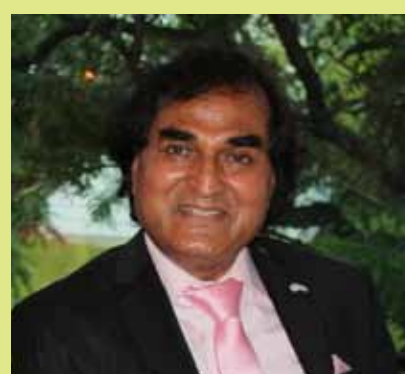
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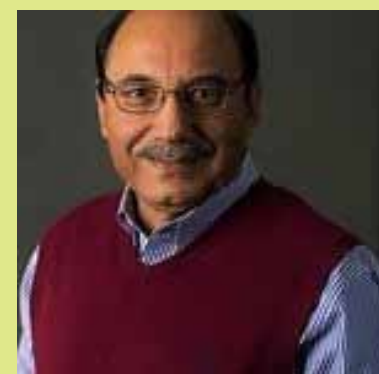
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### Independence Day Celebration

On the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, the Consulate General of India, Chicago will organize the official Flag hoisting ceremony at Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. The details of the programme are as follows:

09: 30-10: 00 AM	:	Arrival of Guests Patriotic Songs
10: 00- 10:05 AM	:	Flag hoisting by Consul General followed by National Anthem of India
10:05- 10:25 AM	:	Reading of the President of India's Address to the Nation on the eve of 70 <sup>th</sup> Independence Day
10:25- 11:55 AM	:	Cultural Programme
11:55 -12:00 PM	:	Vote of Thanks

Programme is open to public. All Indian nationals, Persons of Indian Origin and Friends of India are cordially invited to attend the official Flag hoisting ceremony at Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

- Light refreshments would be served

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# Amina Rab of Dallas area at DNC

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Amina Rab is a well liked , highly respected personality of Dallas Area . She was the President of local chapter of Council on American Islamic Relations, And has just returned from attending Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. Recently we caught up with her and asked her some questions.

How did you feel attending the Convention and how was the atmosphere there like.

It was an amazing feeling . It was like attending a big family reunion. Initially we had Some misgivings with the cousins of Bernie Family, but later we got adjusted and bonded With them. Over all it was a very friendly atmosphere . And the speeches were all overwhelming . First it was from Michelle Obama, who electrified the convention and put the Whole gathering on the edge. Every word coming out of her mouth was well received and well applauded. Then after that it was magnificent speeches by Bill Clinton, Our Vice President Joe Biden , Mr. Khizr Khan and then the conclusion with terrific speech by our

Democratic Nominee herself Hillary Clinton which brought the house and balloons down.

It was an amazing , historical time. It is the first time that a woman has been nominated for

The major political party and I was there to witness it. I had a similar experience when

I attended the Barak Obama's second inauguration in Washington DC in 2013.

After the Convention what's next for you ?

Well I have started a new grassroots movement under the banner of Texas Muslims for Hillary , with so many representations, there was a room

For this group, under this banner we want to bring all the Muslims of Texas under one roof. The main mission we have here is to bring all those Muslims who support Hillary to come out and vote for her on the



Election day mere sounding your opinions without actually casting your vote is not going to help our cause. Not only in Texas I request all those who want to see a change in Washington to come and let's make some history.



Khawaja Ashraf with shaikh Akram attorney Supreme Court of Pakistan and Muhammad Javaid Kasuri Deputy Attorney General of Pakistan at Kabana Restaurant Berkeley California. August 6, 2016.

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Pray to your God  
Pray for your enemy's long life  
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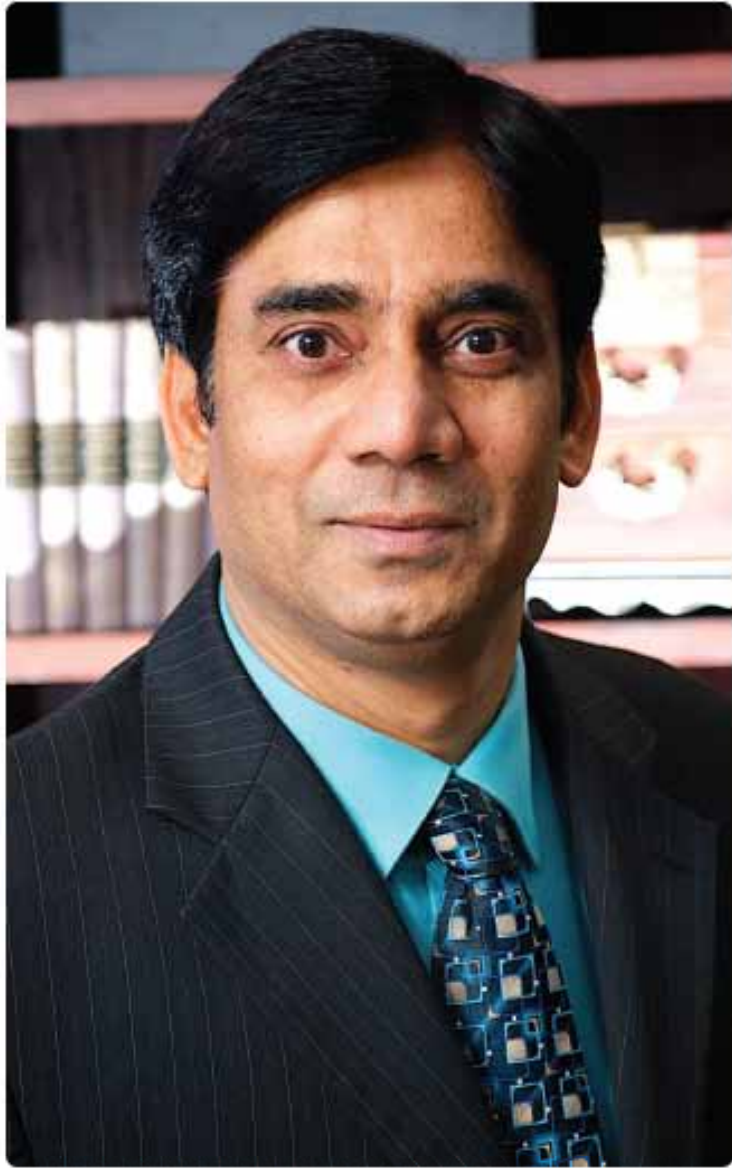
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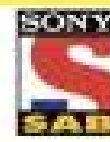
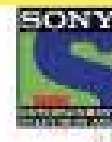
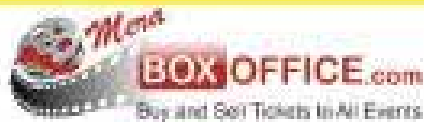
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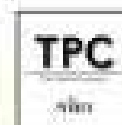
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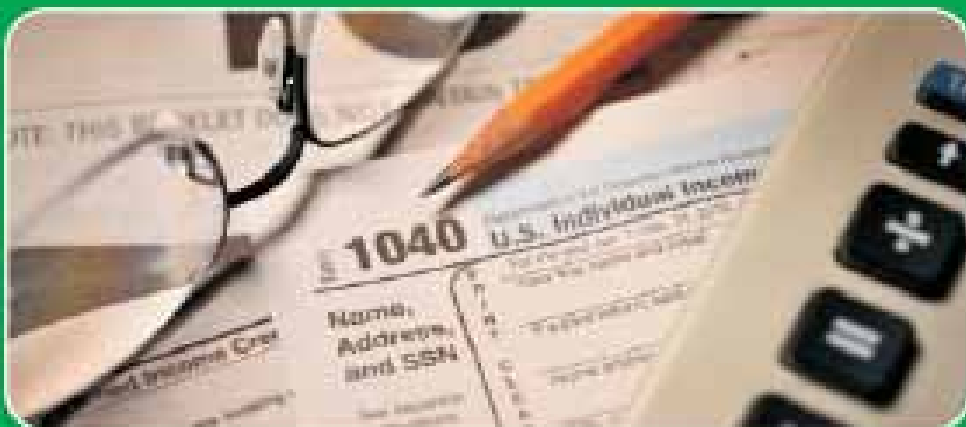
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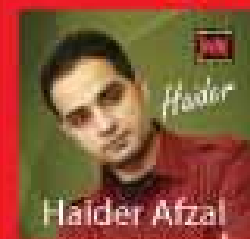
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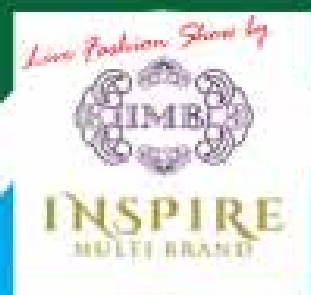
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# APA Bolingbrook erects billboards designed to fight terrorism, Islamophobia

A suburban Chicago Muslim group hopes two giant billboards hanging over busy Chicago highways will help to fight terrorism while also combating Islamophobia.

The billboards — which read “Muslims to Muslims: See Something. Say Something. Save Innocent Lives” — went up Sunday, one over Interstate 290, the other over I-55. They were paid for by members of the Association of Pakistani Americans of Bolingbrook, a community group that over the last two decades has brought an annual Pakistan Day celebration, two cricket fields and a Pakistani-flag hoisting ceremony to the southwest suburb. Two billboards with the same message had hung in other

“See something: That could mean profiling. That could mean somebody Middle Eastern wearing a long beard. And say something? Say to who?”

Kaiseruddin said he has been asked by officials at the Cook County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management to promote the slogan. But he refused, arguing that it is overly simplistic and creates a sense of hypervigilance that could lead to the reporting of innocent people — such as the 14-year-old Texas boy who was arrested in 2015 when his teacher suspected the clock he built may have been a bomb.

as Muslims admitting they have a role in radical acts of extremists involved in terrorist attacks across the U.S. and overseas.

Rashid said while he and other members of his organization know that they have no connection to radical groups, Muslims here and elsewhere are left to explain themselves every time an act of terrorism makes headlines.

There are about 400,000 Muslims living in the Chicago area, Kaiseruddin said, adding that in the last five years eight young Muslims from the Chicago area have been arrested on charges of providing support to terrorist organizations. In only two of those cases, the defendants pleaded guilty. The rest of the cases are still pending, putting families in limbo and leaving the community shaken, he said.

“It may be a small group, a very tiny group of people who are affected by (the arrests), but the consequences are so great that the entire community is panicked,” Kaiseruddin said.

At Chicago’s Council on American Islamic Relations, Rehab spends his days defending civil rights, fighting bigotry and promoting tolerance by speaking at schools and other awareness programs. He said he can understand the sentiment behind the Bolingbrook group’s billboards, but he favors a more direct approach.

“I’m in the business of countering Islamophobia. I know that work needs to be done,” Rehab said. “I just don’t think that cementing a misperception on a billboard is going to help.”

Still, Rashid said since the billboards went up, he has received more positive than negative comments. He saw one of the billboards himself while commuting to his office in Chicago earlier this week.

“Misguided people are putting shame through the whole Muslim world, and that’s very embarrassing,” Rashid said. “This is good for everyone. This is good for this country.”

Vikki Ortiz Healy  
Contact Reporter Chicago Tribune



locations around Chicago earlier this summer.

“We are trying to tell average Americans this is who we are, and we do not condone (terrorism),” said Talat Rashid, founder of the group, who also is a member of Bolingbrook’s Planning Commission and was the suburb’s 2003 Citizen of the Year. “If we see anyone in our community that is off track, we will let the authorities know.”

But some Chicago-area Muslim leaders question the approach, arguing that the billboards perpetuate hurtful misconceptions about Muslims.

“It’s so vague,” said Mohammed Kaiseruddin, chairman of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security uses the slogan, “If You See Something, Say Something,” without a reference to Muslims.

Others say the slogan could lead to other problems for the Muslim community.

“I think it’s kind of stating the obvious,” said Ahmed Rehab, executive director of Chicago’s Council on American Islamic Relations. “There’s no data to suggest that Muslims who see something don’t say something.”

Rashid, of the Bolingbrook Pakistani association, said he and members of his organization knew that some people wouldn’t like the billboards, and would view the message

## Bolingbrook Mayor Roger Claar Meets with Donald Trump during his visit to Chicago



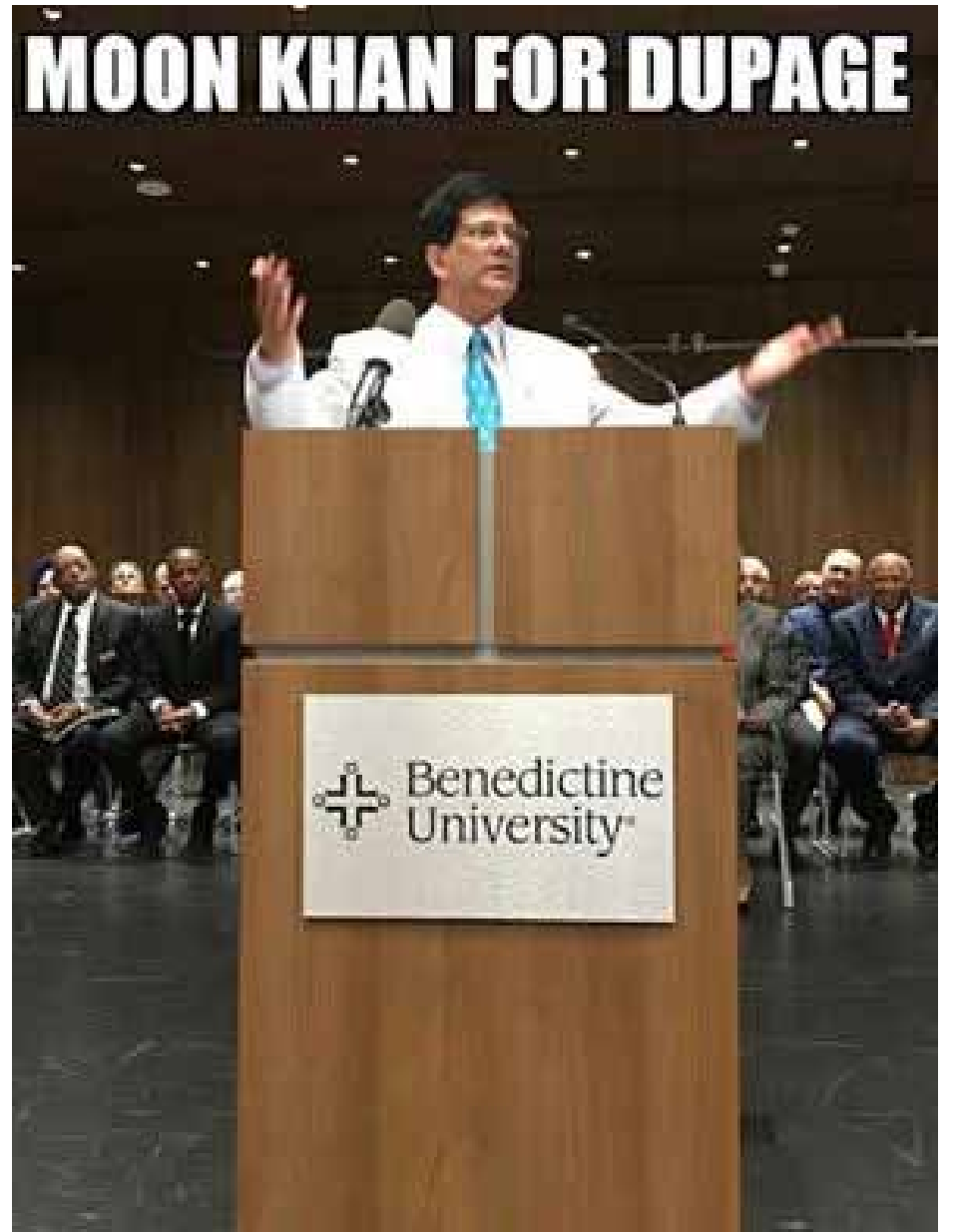
Bolingbrook Mayor Roger Claar invited Mr. Talat Rashid (Board member Planning Commission) Mr. Sheldon Watts Du page Township Trustee and Kathy Havel of Will county Republican party for a fundraiser for Donald Trump Presidential nominee for Republican party. It was very intimate lunch with very limited people. Mr. Trump spoke about how he will revitalize economy by bringing manufacturing jobs back to USA. He said our economy is going down hills. We need to bring back our core values and work for average person. They current government is not addressing the issues faced by general

public.

Mr. Talat Rashid during photo session introduced himself as a Muslim and Pakistani and Mr. Trump replied he has lots of friend who are Muslims and he is not against Muslims but those who are bad people within Muslims . Mr. Eric Trump who was accompanied by his father said that his Dad will be giving positive messages in his future speeches about Muslims.

At the end Mr. Trump asked all the attendees individually who he should pick as his VP. There were mix reaction,

seemed like Majority was not favor of Newt Gingrich but Christ Christi, Indian Governor Mike Pence and Ohio Gov. John Kaisch were among the most favorites. Condoleezza Rice’s name was also mentioned during the process. Over all it was very successful event. Mr. Trump mentioned Weather tech’s CEO David Macneil name several time during his speech and praised his company who employees over 1200 employees and his car matts are made in America which is located in Bolingbrook. Media was not invited inside the room



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Rakhi Sawant was received in Chicago by FIA officials Neil Khot, Dhitu Bhagwakar, Rita Shah and Hitesh Gandhi

## RAKHI SAWANT LEADS FIA'S INDIAN INDEPENDENCE FESTIVAL

Chicago: Federation of Indian Associations (FIA) will start the season of the festivities in the Midwest for India's 70th Independence Day on August 7, Sunday, with Bollywood's famous star, Rakhi Sawant.

Beginning at 2 PM, the event is held at DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton, IL 60187.

"Within a week, since several events are scheduled related to the Indian Independence Day, we decided not to create any conflict with other programs and hold our festival a week earlier," said Sunil Shah, FIA's Founder President. "FIA believes in working together."

FIA's event will be free of charge, declared Dhitu Bhagwakar, FIA's current president. Despite bringing Rakhi Sawant and a renowned musical group of Bollywood "Seven Star," he said, "we don't want to charge general public a single penny."

FIA is immensely thankful to its donors and sponsors for supporting this expensive project, according to Onkar Singh Sangha, one of the founding presidents.

Rakhi Sawant is one of the celebrated Bollywood film and television actresses, a dancer, model, and television talk show host, who has appeared in many Hindi and a few Kannada, Marathi, Telugu, and Tamil movies. She was one of the final-



ists of Bigg Boss reality show. She has also exhibited her interest in Indian politics. Her performances in Bollywood films Joru Ka Ghulam, Jis Desh Mein Ganga Rehta Hain and Yeh Raaste Hain Pyaar Ke were greatly admired.

A lot of children's rides have been arranged along with several food stalls and ethnic vendors.

For more information, and sponsorship, please call Sunil Shah at 847-309-4462 or Dhitu Bhagwakar at 847-340-1120.

## The 14th Annual Turkish Festival, Scheduled from August 24th to 27th 2016, is All Set to Capture the Hearts of Chicagoans

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Chicago IL: The spectacular 14th Annual Turkish Festival will be open to general public, free of charge, from Wednesday, August 24th through Saturday, August 27th 2016, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM CST at Daley Plaza, 50 W, Washington ST, Chicago, IL 60602. It will feature demonstrations of art, dance, music and much more, where Chicagoans will get the opportunity to experience, learn and savor Turkish hospitality, culture, heritage, and cuisine. Live performances will take place at 12:00 Noon-2:30 PM at the Daley Plaza stage.

Umut Acar, Consul General of Turkey said that the guests will have once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to enjoy live midday and evening shows of marching Ottoman Military Band, memorable Turkish Folk Dance performances, Whirling Dervishes, traditional and modern Fashion Show of Turkish couture and textiles, and authentic Turkish classical and folk music concert.

Acar also added the food lovers can taste the rich Ottoman Turkish cuisine, including Turkish style grilled kabobs, donor sandwiches, vegetable and meat dishes, desserts including baklava, Turkish beer, Turkish style bagel (simit), the world-famous MADO's unique Kahramanmaras orchid ice cream, Kurukahveci Mehmet Efendi's Turkish coffee, and much more throughout the Festival at restaurant booths.

Acar also explained that event will be a rare platform for the guests to do shopping for handmade arts and crafts from Aegean region, Kutahya ceramics, Cappadocia ceramics and pottery, Turkish rugs, throws, bags, decorative pillows, glassware, traditional jewelry, handicrafts, and also such Turkish delights, as apricots, hazelnuts, figs at Best Turkish Food stands.

The mesmerizing artistic demonstrations of paper marbling, calligraphy, illuminations, copper and ceramic art, carpet weaving, silver filigree, and many more will be other attractions of the event. The kids also will not be left behind; they will have multiple opportunities to enjoy all sorts of activities, including the Turkish Shadow Theater, face painting, games, and also access to interesting information about Turkish Classes at TACA booth.

The event will be broadcast on a number of US and Turkish channels, introducing Turkey and its culture to millions of American viewers.



Acar requested those who are interested in knowing about the diverse culture and heritage, shopping avenues, and cuisine of different regions of Turkey are invited to attend the Festival, without fail, in large numbers. If required, they may visit the website <http://www.chicagoturkishfestival.com/> for more information about the Festival.

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# 4th Annual IndiaFest Milwaukee Returns to Humboldt Park Aug. 20th 2016

Vibrant traditional dress, authentic Indian cuisine, and classical to contemporary music and dance come together to celebrate Indian culture, collaboration, and inclusion at the free IndiaFest Milwaukee, Saturday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m.-9 p.m., in Humboldt Park. The park is located at 3000 S. Howell Ave.

"IndiaFest Milwaukee exemplifies a true community spirit," said Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele. "It is heartwarming to see so many volunteers reaching out to the wider community to share and to celebrate the rich traditions of India."

Now in its fourth year, the outdoor festival focused entirely on India has seen an audience of about 28,000 including the Chief of Air India and other dignitaries. Over 1,200 participants have showcased their talents at the festival to promise more fun – or more masti.

"There is no better way for families and friends to learn about Indian culture," said Purnima Nath, President of Spindle India, a non-profit, non-political organization and the event's organizer and producer. "We are weaving happiness as we bring



people together through collaboration. Our goal is to weave India's colorful cultural threads into the rich multicultural

tapestry of American culture." India comprises 29 states and seven union territories. Each has a unique combination of language, traditions, religion, clothing, and history. "This myriad of diversity comes together in our "mini-India" celebration," Nath said. "Diversity is the blood of globalism. Inclusiveness is the mantra of living."

The daylong event opens with a welcome ceremony observing the 70th Independence Day of India. The ceremony will feature

a parade, flag hoisting, national anthem, and patriotic songs. Music and dance performances will illustrate various cultures in the Indian states.

Musicians will use traditional and contemporary instruments to perform a variety of styles as well as a fusion of styles. Performances will be widely varied and include a set by renowned artists from India and popular Bollywood songs by the group Lotus. In addition, Wisconsin Indian Singing Idol, a singing competition launched by Spindle India at the 2015 IndiaFest Milwaukee, will continue to recognize local talent.

Dance styles will also range from

classical to contemporary. Traditional forms of Indian dance, such as Bharat Natyam with traces of temple dances, and the popular Punjabi folk dances, Bhangra and Giddha, will be presented. Also engaging the audience will be the energetic Bollywood dance numbers performed in multi-hued costumes. In addition to the colorful costumes seen in the dance performances, visitors may watch a glamour fashion show and see Indian dress up-close in displays of the Indian states. Event-goers may also learn how to tie a turban or sari.

Throughout the festival, the aroma of Indian spices will be wafting on the air. Some of the best restaurants and providers from the Milwaukee and Chicago areas will offer a variety of menu items. Foods available range from dosas, similar to crepes or pancakes, to chaats, savory snacks often sold from food carts in India, to biriyani, rice-based dishes with vegetables or chicken. Beer, other adult beverages, and non-alcoholic beverages—including ethnic beverages—will also be available for purchase. Additional vendors will offer

unique products and services from colorful exotic arts, clothing, and jewelry to temporary hand-painted Henna designs. As keepsakes of their IndiaFest tour, visitors may take pictures in front of popular Indian landmarks on display.

IndiaFest Milwaukee was launched in 2013 as a 100 percent volunteer initiative. Its purpose is to bring communities together through culture and collaboration for better business opportunities and a stronger community. The Consulate General of India in Chicago, Dr. Ausaf Sayeed, sent a letter of appreciation to Spindle India for organizing the event. He wrote, "I congratulate Spindle India for bringing the entire community together from corporations, business organizations, and at the same time, promoting Indian culture and diversity in the United States of America."

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*Sher Mohammed Rajput*



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'Sarv Dharam Sabha', Bikaner honored  
Mr. Sher Mohd Rajput (Trustee, East West University  
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Mr. Sher Mohd. Rajput (Trustee, East West University & Indo American Center of Chicago, USA). Honored by Community Service Award at Govt. Dungar College, Bikaner, Rajasthan on 11 FEB 2015

Sher Mohammed Rajput of Chicago USA, who has dedicated his life serving the Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, and Christian community in Chicago, has also carried the mantra of Hindu, Muslim, Sikh Esai humsab hai bhai bhai to his native city of Bikaner, Rajasthan for the past 20 years. On his 20th annual visit to Bikaner this year, he was rousingly welcomed and felicitated by the city of Bikaner's elite citizens, and was awarded the promoter of the concept of true brotherhood among all religions by the "Sarv Dharam Maha Sabha" of greater Rajasthan. He also received the best N.R.I. native son award from Maharajah Dungar Singh College Of Bikaner.

Mr. Rajput has a secular outlook and was bestowed with Outstanding Member of the Community Award recently from Geetha Mandalam, a Hindu Religious. He is a founding member and Board of Trustees of East West University and was recognized by the University Board for his great contributions. He is also a founding member and Board of Trusty of Indo-American Community Center.



# India Independence Day

“At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which

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In 1947, after the World War II, Britain could see that it no longer could hold

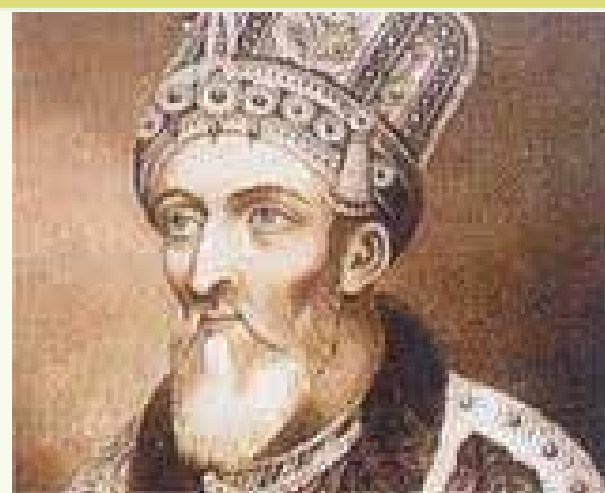


comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new...India discovers herself again.” - Jawaharlal Nehru

After more than two hundred years of British rule, India finally won back its freedom on 15th August, 1947. All the patriotic hearts rejoiced at seeing India becoming a sovereign nation and the triumph of hundreds and thousands of martyred souls. It was a birth of a new nation and a new beginning. The only fact that marred the happiness of the fruits by the blood of martyrs was the fact that the country was divided into India and Pakistan and the violent communal riots took away a number of lives. It was on the eve of 15th of August, 1947 that India tricolor flag was unfurled by Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, on the ramparts the Red Fort, Delhi.

its power over India. It was becoming increasingly difficult and Indian freedom fighters were in no mood to give up. With the international support also coming to an end, Britain decided to relive India from their power but not before June 1948. However, the impending independence more so enhanced the violence between Hindus and Muslims in the provinces of Punjab and Bengal. The communal violence grew so large that it became impossible for new viceroy Lord Mountbatten to control it and as such, he advanced the date for the transfer of power, allowing less than six months for a mutually agreed plan for independence. Thus, India gained its independence on August 15, 1947 but not without paying a heavy price. Partition was done and a separate state for the Muslims was formed, with Muhammad Ali Jinnah being sworn in as Pakistan's first Governor General in

Karachi. On the midnight of August 15, 1947 India was sworn in as an independent country with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru as the prime minister and viceroy then as Lord Mountbatten. The official ceremony took place in Delhi. Great leaders and freedom fighters like Mahatma Gandhi, Abul Kalam Azad Jinnah, B. R. Ambedkar and Master Tara Singh are few of the many to whom India owes its freedom.



**Celebrations**  
The day is celebrated to commemorate the birth of the world's biggest democracy as a national holiday. All the schools and colleges across nation hoist the national flag on the rooftops and the buildings to symbolize the stature of the national flag as nation's pride. Not only the educational institutions but also offices and business areas celebrate this day. Since it is declared a national holiday by the government of India, all the institutions, government or otherwise, have holiday. People only go to offices to attend the flag hoisting ceremony. The Prime Minister addresses the Nation after the flag has been unfurled recounting the country's achievements of the year, discussing current major issues and future plans for the progress of the country. Kite-flying has also become a tradition on this day and people can be seen flying numerous kites of all colors, sizes and shapes symbolizing the freedom.

Day is celebrated by every citizen of India irrespective of caste, creed and religion. It is amazing to see how apart from the normal government offices and educational institutions the day is celebrated even in small colonies and associations. There are costume parties and people, old or young, men or women, dress up in a nationalistic way. There are many documentaries aired and grave of martyrs are paid respect. Every citizen does something or the other to mark this day of freedom. Media is not far behind as most of the channels telecast latest or classic films based on the independence theme. Also, there are patriotic programs that are organized and broadcasted. In short, every person in the country revels in the nationalistic pride.

Independence Day is celebrated throughout India and every corner of the country on 15th August every year. Independence



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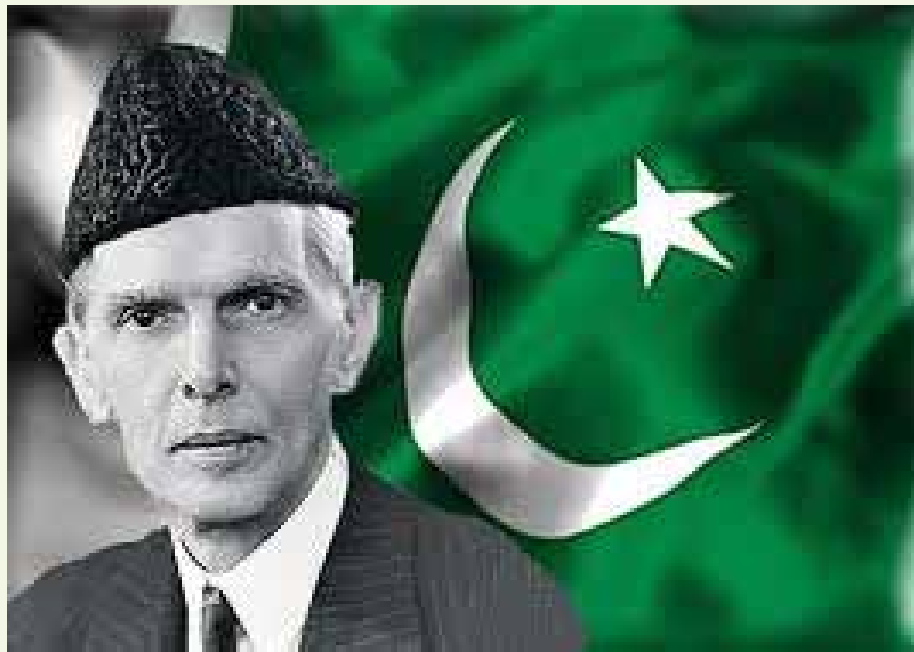
# Pakistan Independence Day

Pakistan's Independence Day, which is annually held on August 14, celebrates the country's independence from the British rule on that date in 1947. This day is an occasion to promote patriotism and national unity.

Many people dress in or use the col-

ences and monuments at dawn. Official buildings, including Parliament House, are decorated and colorfully lit. The prime minister and president address and congratulate the nation and talk about the day's significance. Streets and houses are decorated with candles, oil lamps and pennants.

television stations broadcast national songs and specially prepared Independence Day programs.



ors green and white, which are Pakistan's official colors, during Pakistan's Independence Day. ©iStockphoto.com/duncan1890

### What Do People Do?

People all over Pakistan celebrate Independence Day with patriotic zest. Many people who attend the Independence Day parades dress up in green and white, which are the Pakistani flag's colors. People visit national monuments and places of national significance to celebrate Independence Day. This is also a time to meet relatives, exchange gifts and visit recreational spots.

Pakistan's national flag is hoisted on public, private buildings, resi-

Firework shows are put together on the eve of Independence Day.

Pakistan's Independence Day also pays homage to people who devoted their lives for Pakistan's freedom movement and made sacrifices to attain Pakistan's independence. A change of guard takes place at national monuments, including the mausoleums of Muhammad Iqbal, who was a poet, philosopher, and politician, and Muhammad Ali Jinnah, who is considered by many as Pakistan's founder and Quaid-i-Azam (supreme leader).

Events held during the day include special theatre shows, national song competitions, concerts, and Independence Day pageants. Radio and

### Public Life

Independence Day is an official holiday in Pakistan on August 14. All governmental, non-governmental offices, organizations, educational institutions, post offices, and major markets are closed.

Public transport remains unavailable on all major routes. Traffic congestion is common due to Independence Day parades.

### Background

The Indo-Pak subcontinent remained a British colony from 1849-1947. The subcontinent's inhabitants did not approve of the British rule in united India. An uprising that occurred in 1857 eventually formed the shape of a freedom movement, which exemplifies the efforts of the people of British India in gaining their independence.

Muslims ruled the subcontinent before the British incursion and suffered due to the 1857 uprising against the British East India Company. Leaders such as Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and Syed Ameer Ali worked diligently for the Muslim people's political advancement.

The Indian National Congress was formed in 1885, which later on became British India's largest political party. Major Muslim political leaders, including Muhammad Ali Jinnah, were members of the Indian National Congress and worked towards Hindu-Muslim unity and In-

dia's independence.

The All India Muslim League was founded on December 30, 1906. There was growing demand for an independent Muslim state in India. In 1930 Muhammad Iqbal presented the idea of a separate Muslim state that would geographically consist of the Muslim majority areas in the subcontinent. The word Pakistan is a conjunction of two words Pak meaning Pure and Stan meaning Land, a name coined by Choudhary Rahmat Ali.

Strong Hindu nationalism gave birth to the Two Nation Theory, an ideology that is accredited as being the basis for Pakistan's creation. In 1940 the Pakistan Resolution was passed in Lahore demanding greater Muslim autonomy in British India.

After World War II, it was expected that the British colonies would soon disintegrate. The Pakistan Movement, spearheaded by Muhammad Ali Jinnah, resulted in creating a Muslim state. Pakistan gained independence from the British rule on August 14, 1947. At its birth, Pakistan had two parts commonly referred to as East and West Pakistan. In 1971 East Pakistan parted from West Pakistan and became Bangladesh.

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# WALI UDDIN

Dedicated Health care professional, Poet,  
Journalist, Author  
Award winner host & Emcee

## AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. WALI UDDIN

AsiaTimes : It is my pleasure to sit down with you for this interview. Just to begin with,would you like to give little introduction about yourself, profession and other activities.

Wali :Thanks for giving me this opportunity, by profession I am Pharmacist. I have worked in different fields of Pharmacy profession, from manufacturing to sale & in Hospitals. Where I was involve in IV's ,TPN (total parenteral nutrition) and chemo. and cover out patients services too.

Asia Times: Now you are more well known in other fields, what are those?

Wali :Yes, Pharmacy is my profession but my passion is writing, Columns, Poetry . I am humble and honored to host & Emcee for more than 50 musical shows with different musical groups,where I entertained the audience with my own humorous poetry and jokes while compeering these Indian/Pakistani shows.I presents to people something to laugh & forget the stress and tension presently whatever happening around the the world.When ever time permits I also recite my poetry (on every subject) in Mushaira too.

Asia Times: Once we publish an article about you as "Multi culture Ambassador, with multi Talents" would you explain that.

Wali :Thanks for that title, but I will say this for sure that my wife Roshan and my kids always encourage me to do different show biz tasks, So I have doing Emcee (Host) for musical shows,Weddings , Graduation and other occasions.It is always a challenge of different magnitude because I have to write different poetry in English and Urdu for different occasions with humor & jokes.I have been entertaining the crowd at Pakistan day in Boling brook & Chicago.

I also recite my poetry and Jokes at a well known Chicago Radio program "Sohni Dharti" with Sohail & Sofia ( Sunday 10 to 11 PM ).The other is Houston Radio program "Punjab Rung " with Shah Jee (Sunday 10-11 AM).

I have wrote short plays and acted in that with well known Indian TV artists. I was selected by PPS (Pakistani Physician Society,a chapter of AAPNA) to play the role of Mirza Ghalib in the big hit Drama "Insaan Hona".I really enjoyed doing that and my role was very much appreciated.

I have done shows with Indian and Pakistani Artists like play back singer Vajay Lakhsmi. The other singers include Farhan Zaidi,Rajesh, Ghafoor, Manmeet Kaur,Sheena Dwivedi, Indrani Joshi,Nipa Shah,Rehana and Mukkarram Mahmood, Pervaiz Ekram , Sarfraz Hashmi, Ayesha and Zeeshan, Amla Khan.Waseem,Azeem, Shahid Lateef,The Legend from Pakistan M. Abbas ,Amjad Rana,singer,yoga master also with Gytheri, Shika tendon, Sheela and others.

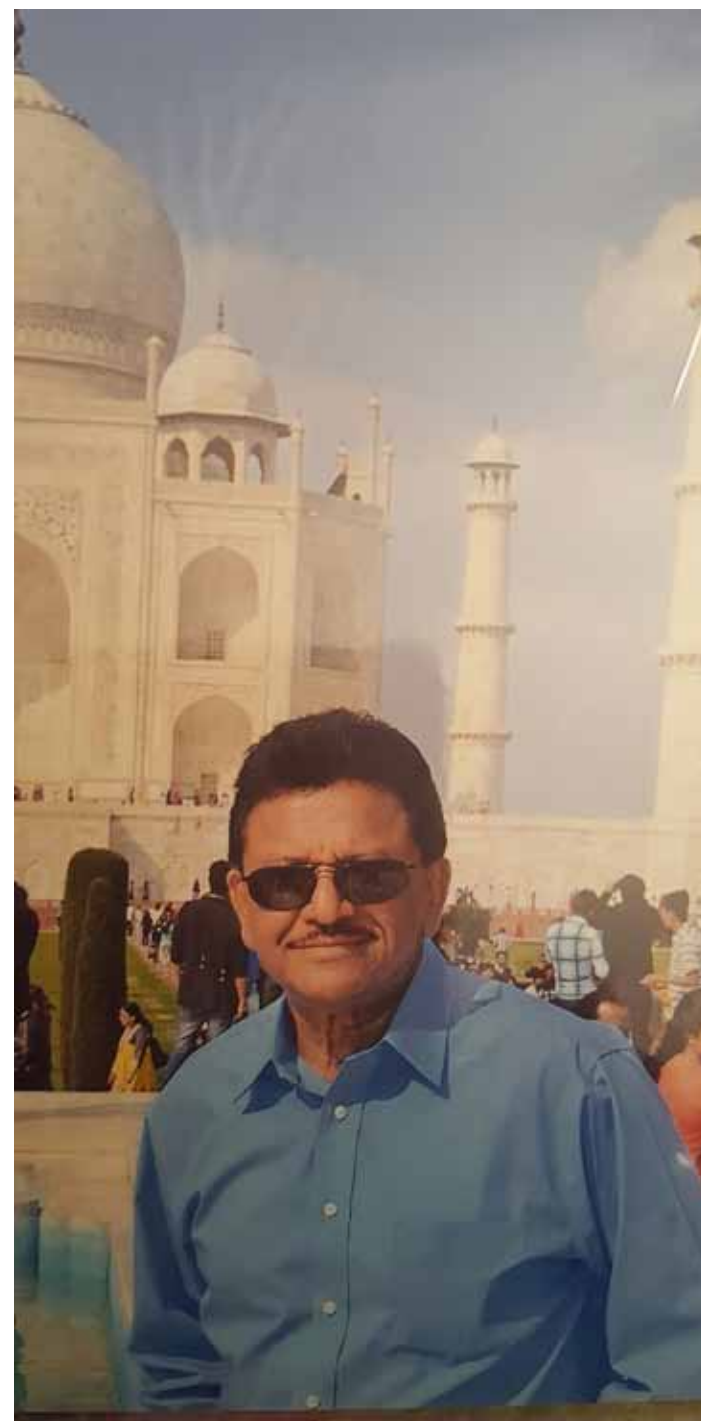
The list is very long . I am humble and very proud to have worked with most of groups organizations and talented Artists.

Asia Times; What are the names of your Books and their contents and where are these books available?

Wali : The name of the first book I wrote is "Roshan Khayal",which have my selected columns( from Urdu News papers) and serious poetry on every subject. I name the book after my wife's name " Roshan.

I used to tell my wife jokingly that "I don't want you to leave this world and I can't built another Taj Mahal for you, but I can always write poetry book in our life time with your name ". My second book is titled "Aadha Memon, Aadha Hyderabad". I had selected this title as my wife was born in Memon family in Mumbai and I was born in Hyderabad Deccan and both of us met in Pakistan. This book contains my humorous poetry in Urdu and Hyderabad language.

My Third book "Muskurahaton Ka Safar "was published two years ago. As the title reflects (my philoshphy) Laugh,Love & Live. You can be happy at any age ! I have tried (besides Urdu & Hyderabad Language) Roman English format of some of my selected poetry as some people (specially teen ager) can't read Urdu but use Roman English Format in the social media. The unveiling ceremony of my Book "Roshan Khayal ' was done by first Consulate general of Pakistan in Chicago, Honaable Mr . Atizaz Ahmad ,The unveiling of book "Muskurahaton Ka Safar " was doen by Honorable Consulate general of Pakistan Mr. Faisal Niaz Tirmizi.

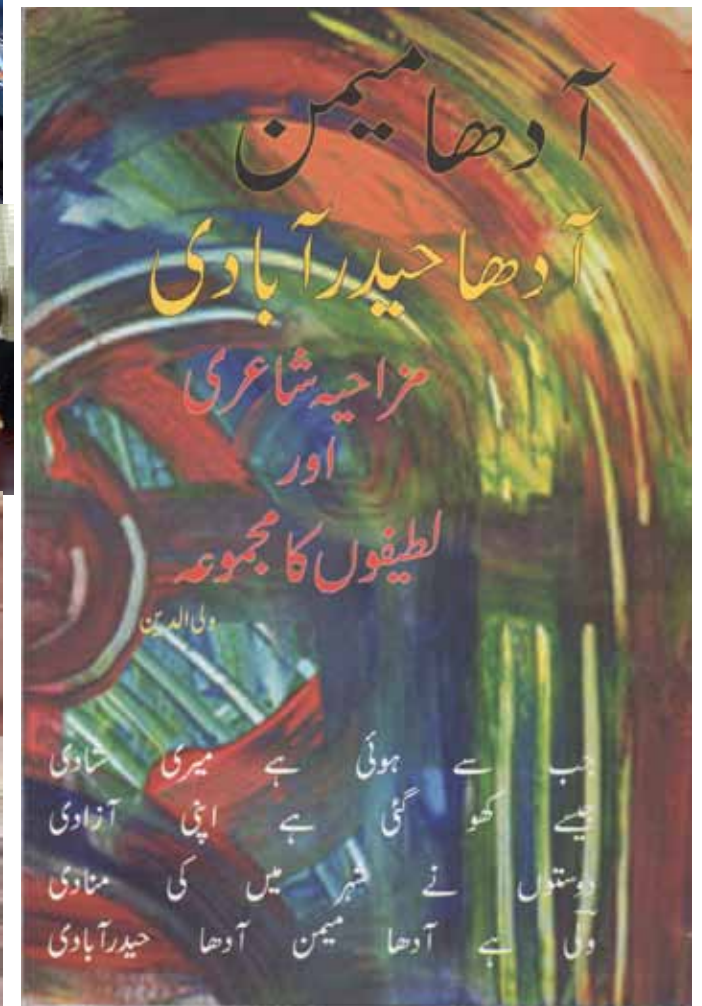
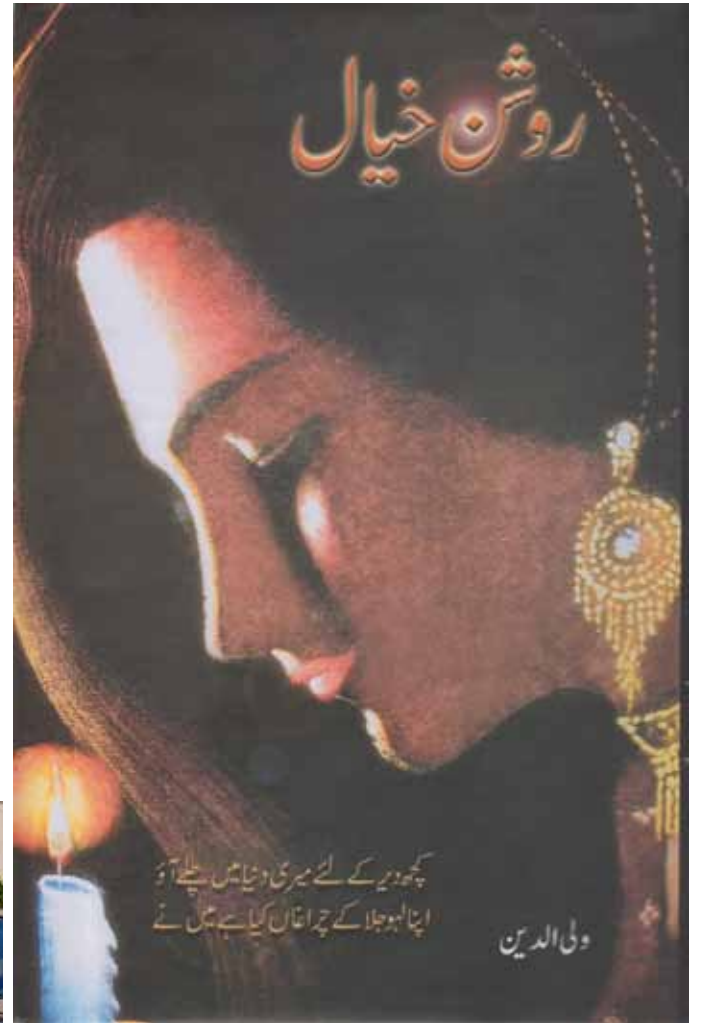


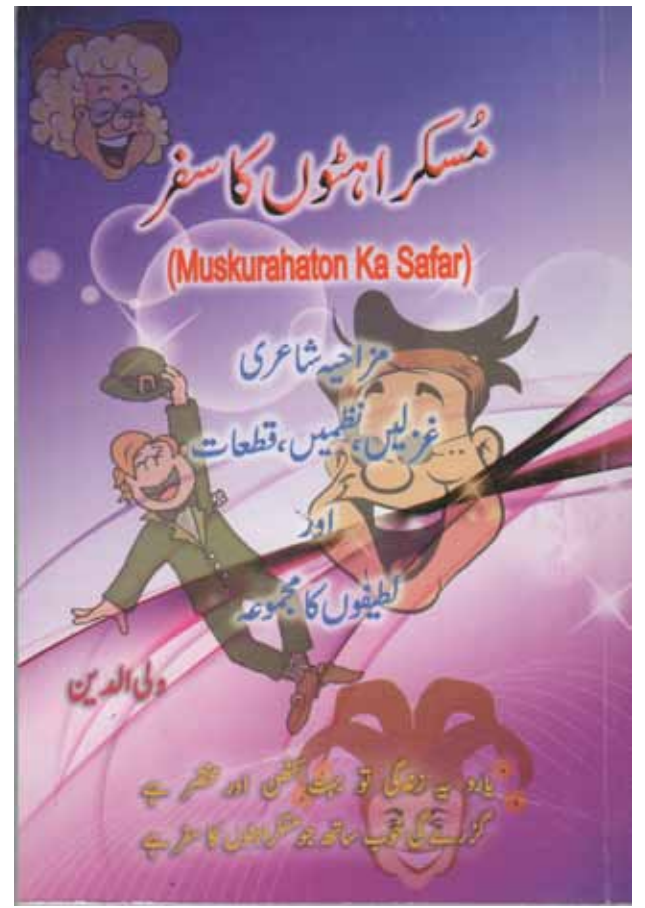
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Asia Times : We understand, that you have received some awards,can you say something what are those?

Wali : Yes, I have received so many Awards in my Pharmacy profession as well as in my other activities. I have been awarded two awards for the best Anchor, Host & Emcee. The other awards I received are for "Poetic Achievement Award ". The one award was given to me by Mayor of bolingbrook, Mr. Roger Claar and other was given to me by Consulate General of Pakistan,Chicago Mr.Faisal Niaz Tirmizi. I am thankful to God for all the recognition and appreciation I have received.I am also humble to mention that I have participated in Three different programs in one day! I recited my poetry in Mushaira at Noon than in afternoon I participated Pakistan Day in Boling brook,where I spoke before a crowd of 15,000 people. In the night I host and EmCee a musical program till midnight in Chicago.It was a record for myself,Some notable program I did were for Hyderabad Culture Association,Eid Milan programs for different groups,Also NED International Alumni Association, Mid West Business Association and others.I have done programs in Chicago, Minnesota,Peoria, Indiana and other states.

Asia Time; Thanks for the interview and good luck for future,  
 wali ; Thanks for giving me time I appreciate very much.





Wali Uddin



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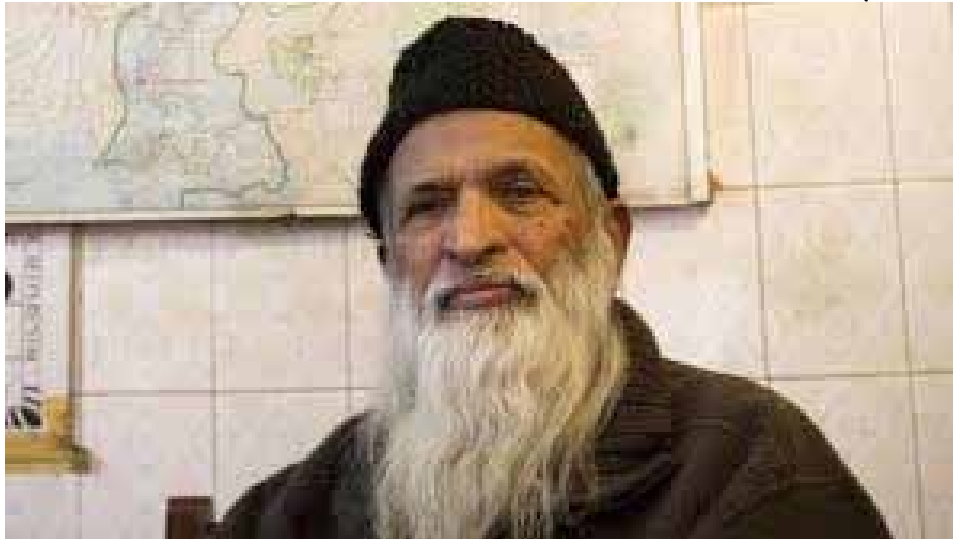
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# Abdul Sattar Edhi & Dr. Akhter Hameed Khan: Two Icons of Pakistan

By Nasim Yousaf



Pakistan recently lost another icon, Abdul Sattar Edhi, who died in Karachi at the age of eighty-eight. Edhi's services for Pakistan shall be long remembered and he joins the ranks of other great South Asian icons, including the late social scientist Dr. Akhter Hameed Khan. This piece highlights the contributions of Mr. Edhi and Dr. Khan, who shared many similarities and were recognized around the world for their social service.

Like Mother Teresa, Edhi and Dr. Khan were both respected and legendary humanitarians who spent their lives helping the underprivileged. The two men shared much in common. Both were born in British India, Edhi in 1928 in Bantva (Gujarat) and Dr. Khan in 1914 in Agra (United Provinces, now Uttar Pradesh). Edhi arrived in Pakistan in 1947 and Dr. Khan in 1950. Motivated to help their fellow citizens, Edhi opened his first clinic in 1951. Meanwhile, in 1950, Dr. Khan established The Comilla Cooperative Karkhana in Comilla (a poverty stricken area in East Pakistan [now Bangladesh]). Later, in 1957, Edhi launched the Edhi Foundation (EF). Dr. Khan founded his Pakistan (Bangladesh) Academy for Rural Development in 1959 and later the Orangi Pilot Project (OPP).

EF and OPP often filled gaps in services that the state had either ignored or failed

to provide for the people. For example, EF currently runs a wide range of services and facilities, including ambulances, morgues, graveyards, hospitals, educational services, marriage bureaus, orphanages, centers for the abandoned, bread plants and more. Meanwhile, Dr. Khan's OPP focused on healthcare, sanitation, housing, microfinance, education, research and training, rural development, etc. Millions benefit from Edhi and Dr. Khan's services and their respective organizations have received world recognition for their contributions.

Along with their professional similarities, both men had a lot in common personally as well. They were known as honest and humble individuals who provided a beacon of hope for Pakistan. They led a simple lifestyle, despite having resources and contacts at high-levels. Both were non-sectarian and non-communal and believed in serving all members of their communities across faiths.

Despite their noble missions and nature, the two men faced adversity and threats at times. Edhi received threats from the Taliban, who declared him an infidel for his love for people of all faiths. Meanwhile, Dr. Khan was accused of blasphemy and court cases were filed to have him convicted (Pakistan's blasphemy laws carry a potential death sentence); posters ap-

peared denouncing Dr. Khan and some demanded that he be hanged.

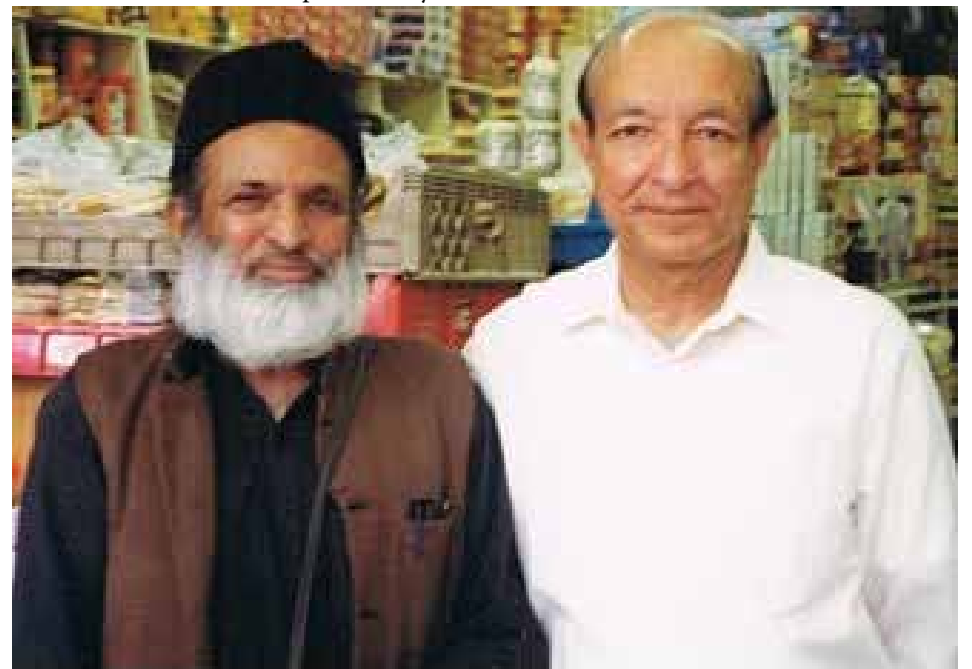
In honor of their services, both Edhi and Dr. Khan have been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. And both received many prestigious awards, including the Ramon Magsaysay Award (considered to be the Nobel Prize of Asia) and the Nishan-e-Imtiaz (Edhi's award was recently announced), the highest civil award in Pakistan. Pakistan's Beach Avenue has been renamed after Abdul Sattar Edhi, while the Akhter Hameed Khan Resource Center and Akhter Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development have been named after Dr. Khan. Separate books have also been published on both men by a well-known Pakistani publisher under its The Azeem Pakistani (Great Pakistanis) series; the series highlights the achievements of renowned Pakistanis in various fields in order to inspire people, particularly the younger generation.

These men served their country for decades and dedicated themselves to the cause of the nation. Dr. Khan died on October 09, 1999 and Edhi passed away

on July 8th, 2016. Their deaths were widely mourned. Dr. Khan was buried in the compound of the Orangi Pilot Project and Edhi in the Edhi Village. These two individuals earned the respect of both the East and West for their services to the humanity. Their exemplary lives are a source of inspiration not only for Pakistanis, but the entire world. Their selfless services and commitment to the human spirit shall live on forever in the hearts of people.

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**Written by S. Saifullah Quadri**

## Veteran Pak film star Shamim Ara passed away at 78 today after a prolonged illness.



The actress, who was living in London, had been in coma since 2010 following a brain surgery.

The Doraha leading lady had an interesting career; her first film Kunwari Baywa tanked at the box office but her role had the industry buzzing. Shortly after that, she got a string of hit films under her name, such as Devdas, Humraz and others. She was also an acclaimed director and was awarded the Nigar Award four times.

In conversation with Dawn News, Bushra Ansari shared, "When you hear such news, you feel an era is slipping away from us; she did great work throughout her life, with dedication. She was a beautiful, delicate and charming woman."

Pakistani star Resham, who held Shamim Ara in high regard and had worked with her in a handful of films, said, "She worked for over 30 years in the Pakistani film industry as a director and heroine."

"When we were shooting Pal Do Pal, it never felt like I was working with a director, the way she spoke, the way she fixed my dupatta, the way she told us how to deliver dialogues, it was like a mother instructing her child."



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## Legal Battle of the Babri Mosque and Hashim Ansari

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On 1 February 1985 when a law court in Faizabad allowed the reopening of the Babri Mosque to let Hindus to worship there, the whole country plunged into public uproar. While there was a gloom on the faces of every Muslim to contrast with a general scene of celebration and rejoicing in the camps of the communalists. As Doordarshan showed the scenes of worship [inside the mosque], Muslims lost their patience.

All of this was done according to a well thought out plan and the whole of it had happened with the connivance of the politicians and the judiciary.

This scribe was the first Urdu journalist to, under a disguise, succeed in entering the Mosque after its unlocking as, according to a judicial order, the entry of Muslims had been forbidden within the radius of 500 meters around it.

I spent almost an hour inside the Mosque taking account of the situation and writing it down in detail what I had seen there.

This was the time when I had the privilege of seeing for the first time Hashim Ansari, the oldest litigant in Babri Mosque case. He was a man of rustic simplicity. I had to look around for his residence. His was a very ordinary lifestyle. Not many people knew him at that time. However, as the hearing of Babri Mosque case started his name started appearing in the news as the key petitioner.

President of Akhil Bhartiya Akhara Parishad Mahant Gyan Das and Mohammad Hashim Ansari during a meeting at Hanuman Garhi Temple in Ayodhya. File photo

President of Akhil Bhartiya Akhara Parishad Mahant Gyan Das and Mohammad Hashim Ansari during a meeting at Hanuman Garhi Temple in Ayodhya.

During our long conversation he told me the story of injustices carried out against Babri Mosque. He had such a rare treasure of information about Babri Mosque that to hear all of it one night sitting with him was not enough.

He told the stories of trickery and deceptions of law enforcement agencies, sadhus and sants. He kept on speaking for a long time and I continued taking notes of it.

Hashim Ansari was a harmless man. He had profound love for Babri Mosque. The reason of it was that until the midnight of 22/23 December 1949 when idols were installed on the pulpit, he had regularly prayed there. Even on the night of 22 December 1949 he had for the last time offered Isha prayers there.

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After his last Isha prayers there Hashim Ansari spent all his remaining life waiting to have the privilege to pray in Babri Mosque once again.

But the grand players of religion and politics continued to play their game and justice continued to be their casualty.

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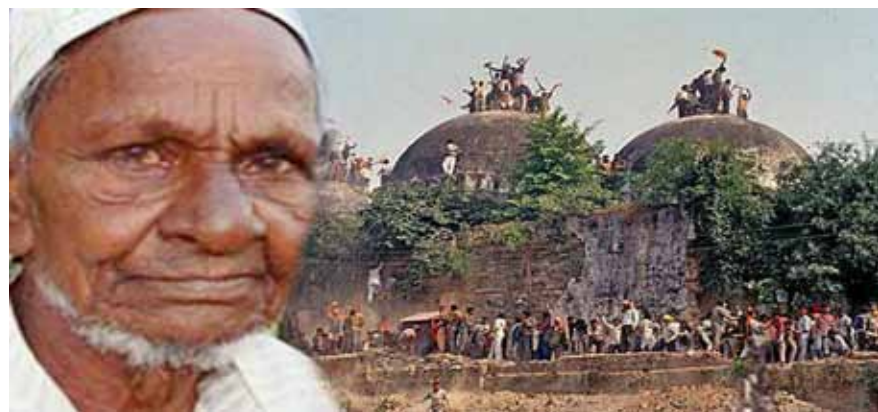
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Hashim Ansari was born in Ayodhya and took his last breath there at the age of 95. Hashim Ansari lived a life of austerity. The case in which he was a petitioner changed the political horizon of Indian politics. If he had wished he could have bargained his conscience and lived a comfortable life. But during this time neither was there any transformation in his life nor his life changed.

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I remember when Babri Mosque was unlocked and Babri Masjid Action Committee (BMAC) was formed he used to attend



its meetings in Delhi and Lucknow. He headed the Ayodhya branch of BMAC as well. He attended several demonstrations and sit-ins organised for the recovery of Babri Mosque. On 30th March 1987 when a massive demonstration was organised at Boat Club, Delhi, Hashim Ansari was the centre of attraction for everyone in there as well. He was given a place in line with Muslim leaders at the public meeting at Boat Club.

During every protest demonstration and sit-ins I talked with him and reported his views and feelings the newspaper readers. Each of his talks and discussions on Babri Mosque reflected a pain and agony he had felt for the Mosque cannot be portrayed in words. He longed to see a solution to the problem in his lifetime but woe to destiny that it was not there to happen.

Hashim Ansari belonged to an extremely poor family. He used to work as a tailor to earn his living. Even today two of his sons work as tempo (taxi) drivers in Ayodhya.

In 1949 after the installation of idols in Babri Mosque Hashim Ansari was also the first of those people who the administration got arrested to maintain law and order in the area. He was accused of trying to make a call for prayers inside the Babri Mosque. He was again detained in 1975 after the imposition of Emergency and thus spent eight months in Bareilly Central Jail.

It was Hashim Ansari who had filed a suit in 1949 in an additional court in Faizabad for Babri Mosque and kept fighting silently despite his personal financial poverty. This was the time when people knew very little about Babri Mosque.

In 1961 when Sunni Central Waqf Board filed a suit in this very court Hashim Ansari's name was included among six others as the main petitioners.

Hashim Ansari also pleaded Babri Mosque case in Allahabad High Court as well. This case is under review in the Supreme Court as the parties have challenged the bizarre decision of the High Court in which Babri Mosque site was divided into three parts one of which was granted to Narmohi Akhara and the other two equal parts were handed over to Sunni Waqf Board and Ram Lala.

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with his opponent Paramhans Ramchandra Das in the same rickshaw together. When Paramhans Ramchandra died there were tears in Hashim Ansari's eyes and at Hashim Ansari's death tears were noticed in the eyes of the leader of Rama Temple Gayan Das. He laid a wreath of flowers on Hashim Ansari's dead body and walked with the hearse along with his other Hindu neighbours, up to the graveyard.

It is said that for some time Hashim Ansari had been trying to find an amicable solution of the dispute outside the court. However this effort was fruitless as the second party was pressurising him to relinquish his claim. Ageing and ill health had also taken its toll on his mental capabilities.

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Mahant Gayan Das says that Hashim Ansari was against taking the dispute to the public. He used to come to see me in Hanuman Garhi. He did not like the politics of Hindu and Muslim politicians both.

In 1992 when the Karsevaks torched Hashim Ansari's house, it were his Hindu neighbours who put it down. Readers will be surprised to learn that once when Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader Ashok-Singha's car ran out of diesel and due to a strike petrol pumps were shut and he was left helpless, it was Hashim Ansari who sent some diesel from his house.

In Hashim Ansari's small room that was his bedroom and drawing room as well, there were only two Takhts (hard-bedsits). On one of the walls even today hangs a photograph of Babri Mosque and outside the house there is a signboard with a caption in English, 'Babri Mosque Reconstruction Committee'.

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# Hyderabad the city of romance

by M. A. Waheed

During my college days in Hyderabad Deccan, as the sun began its descent in slow motion, red in color, large enough to dwarf one's slim height many romantic nomads lay on the grass of the white Naubhat Pahad or the black Kala Pahad built by Aurangzeb to announce his victory of the stubborn Golkonda fort. As the sun caressed the banks of Hus-sain Sagar dam, lovers escaped in their world of fantasy and darkness, oblivious of tomorrows cruelty and the day-after's uncertainty. Today, there is no Naubhat Pahad nor is there a Kala Pahad but may be the romantic episodes of couples torn apart are still buried in the hills of these "pahads" in the hope of surging from the ashes of sublime love that was sacrificed at the altar of societal demons. But the young Quli Qutab Shah stricken by his undim-inishing love for a dancing girl, Bhagyal-akshmi married her against stormy odds and on her conversion named her Hyder Mahal which led to the city of Golkonda being renamed "Hyderabad".

This is a city that bisects history and tri-sects her future at the same time. Its past, present and future collide, collaborate and commemorate in nano-seconds. You can fall in love with the veiled Rebecca at the Salar Jung Museum before lunch and then fall in love again with the unveiled Sania

Mirza after lunch. Known to laze and weave stories in an unpredictable Qadir-like spin a typical Hyderabadi lives in the past and dreams of a future ignoring the present.

To compose this article, I dug into the labyrinths of my own collection of books and did recover a beautiful and well printed copy titled, "Hyderabad". As typical of Hyderabadi, I was just carrying the book on the back-seat of my car till one day to my surprise, while I was giving a ride to my seven-year old grandson sitting at the back was completely lost in the grandeur of the mosques, mandirs and mausoleums of Hyderabad. It was never possible to see this little monster called "Taamir" delve into a book with such intimacy. Watching him through my rear-view mirror and praying for his future-outlook, I was delighted that my American born grandson is engrossed, enveloped and enticed by the photographs of the city of my birth. When I told him that his Nana, Nani, Mom and an aunt were born in that city his interest piqued.....pointing to a pretty princess decked in gold, he asked me if that was his mother? I pray he visits Hyderabad one day draped in my stories, and enjoys the gullies and chabrootras where his Nana walked with a swagger, ran like a cheetah and lived like a lion. And I hope he will

carry his American Express card because his DNA will attract the unpaid-creditors, his Nana left behind.

Urdu was born here. And so was the romance with words, wisdom and warmth. You can walk with the haunting soors of Bade Ghulam Ali or hum the melodious tunes of Makhdoom.....ek chameli ke mandve tale.....do badan pyar ki aag mein jal gaye. The Sufi Saints are prominent with their graveyards and their legacies. With shamlaas and Warisi qawallis one is reminded of the era that dominated dil, darya and dargahs. The penniless-faqir at the chowrastha is all smiles with a shirtless back and a Panasonic cellphone whispering to the winds that he is rich at heart because he hails from a city that allegedly gifted (or was it grabbed) the Queen of England a Kohinoor diamond that adorns her crown. Many children owe their physical rehabilitation to the beautiful-Turkish-Niloufer who donated her "meher" for the construction of a hospital and departed from Hyderabad earning duas from innumerable young ones.....amongst them my own youngest brother who eventually became a "Hafiz".

One can nose-dive into statistics and demonstrate why a Bill Gates or a Bill Clinton or even a George Bush paid visits



to the pilgrim center of "keyboards and chips" but the richness of Hyderabad lies in the hearts of ordinary folks unscathed by technology, unfazed by the malls and untouched by hypocrisy. Just like my Nani-maa whose gut-wrenching evaluation of a spade was always a spade..... regardless.

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## 10 Criminals Of The World Whose Acts Still Send A Shiver Down Our Spine

There are thousand of criminals around the globe including terrorists, killers, drug smugglers, and war criminals. TopYaps brings you a list of such top 10 criminals – 10 of the world's most evil and dangerous men. Have a look and drop your suggestions in the comments!

10. Omid Tahvili (Persia):

Bigwig of an Iranian crime organization, he was accused with mail fraud, wire fraud, telemarketing and abetting. He escaped from a high-security prison in Nov. 2007 after bribing a guard. Due to his brawny relationships in Europe and Middle East, he is still dodging intelligence agencies and working as an international crime operator.

Top 10 criminals of the world  
9. James "Whitey" Bulger (America):

Lover of history books and Adolf Hitler, he is on FBI's most wanted list since 1995. In the starting years he was arrested for stealing, forgery, assault and armed robbery. He is known for his trusting and beneficial relationship with gangsters.

Top 10 criminals of the world  
8. Al Capone (America):

Keeping the formula "money is the game" in mind, a boy joined a street

gang and later became an epitome of devastation in the United States. He initiated his crime archive with rackets of gambling, extortion, protection and prostitution. His explosive temper made him the boss of American criminal enterprise.

Top 10 criminals of the world  
7. Matteo Messina Denaro (Italy):

Better known as "Boss of all bosses," this cinematically credited "Playboy Don" is fond of expensive Porsche sports car, Rolex watches, Rayban sunglasses, fancy clothes from Giorgio Armani, Versace and young girls. Born in a Mafia family, this leader of Cosa Nostra (Mafia) learned to use the gun at the early age of 14. He, himself, admits – "I filled a cemetery all by myself"

Top 10 criminals of the world  
6. Joseph Kony (Uganda):

Foe of the Ugandan Government, Kony formed a rebellion group Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in 1987. Fond of wearing women's dresses, he is accused in enormous criminal cases such as murder, kidnapping, enslavement, rape, cruel acts with civilians and etc. Really, an obnoxious face of human!

Top 10 criminals of the world

5. Alimzhan Tokhtakhounov (Russia):

A fabulous footballer at a time, he proceeded Moscow to become a big gun of gambling world where money matters. Nominal head of Russian organized crime, arms dealing, smuggling and other notorious activities, he once introduced himself as "I'm a successful businessman, a patron of the arts, a community worker. That's what I call myself today"

Top 10 criminals of the world  
4. Felicien Kabuga (Rwanda):

A prominent businessman and multi-millionaire of Rwanda, Kabuga is said to be the prime accused of Rwandan genocide of 1994, which claimed estimated lives of 800,000 people. Apart from this hellish act, he is also involved in bank-rolling and other crimes.

Top 10 criminals of the world  
3. Pedro Antonio Marin (Colombia):

Also know as Tirofijo, he is the beginner of FARC, a terrorist organization based on Marxist doctrine. This organization is involved with drug trafficking, murder, extortion, kidnapping and various criminal activities. With it's own military and thousands of supporters, FARC's main targets are politics, eco-

nomics and military of Colombia.

Top 10 criminals of the world  
2. Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar (India):

Inspiration of Bollywood's underworld theme and the owner of D-Company, his crime era started after murdering Karim Lala (Godfather of Mumbai's crime during 1980's). Soon he became the fire machine of Bombay's streets. Mumbai bomb blast in March, 1993, made him the crime boss. Son of a policeman, this big fish of crime world is a major headache for intelligence agencies.

Top 10 criminals of the world  
Read More: 8 Facts about Dawood Ibrahim You Did Not Know

1. Joaquin Guzman (Mexico):

You can catch this 5'6" drug lord in the Forbes list of "The World's Billionaires" but intelligence agencies are still rubbing their hands to catch him face to face. He owns the most powerful drug corporate in Mexico. He is the next Robin Hood for his lovers as he contributes a lot for social welfare.

## Saudi's sub-zero Snow City the new hot ticket in Riyadh



RIYADH: Having to wear ski jackets in Riyadh is unheard of, but a new snow park in the Saudi capital has made them a must despite outside temperatures exceeding 45 Celsius.

Saudi women wearing the compulsory traditional abaya that covers the body from head to toe are now donning thermal coats and cosy boots as they sit on sledges to scoot down the slopes of "Snow City".

Unusually in the ultra-conservative kingdom that applies strict segregation rules and where even restaurants have separate sections for "families" and single men, they are also joined by males.

The complex is a rarity in Saudi Arabia where there are only small-scale amusement parks for children, and where cinemas or theatres are not allowed.

Stretching over 5,000 square metres,

the entertainment project does not have proper ski pistes as such, but its modest indoor slopes still manage to provide frosty fun in a country that is mostly desert and searing heat.

This file photo taken on July 20, 2016 shows a general view of Saudis playing at the indoor snow theme park "Snow City" in the Al-Othaim Mall Rabwa in the capital. "I've never touched snow," says Ali al-Ajmi, 40, who has never travelled out of the Arabian Peninsula.

Dozens of people throng the front counter to gain access to the play area which opened in mid-July after four years of construction work costing some 100 million riyals (\$26.7 million).

Where's the sun? Surprisingly, women currently represent the bulk of visitors in a country where they

are subject to strict constraints, including a globally unique ban on driving.

One employee at Snow City said the centre's management initially faced the problem of not having enough boots for women as they had not expected females to represent more than 10 per cent of visitors.

In fact, women have so far exceeded 75pc of the numbers flocking to frolic in Alpine temperatures.

"There is privacy and we're enjoying our time here," says one woman who identifies herself as Umm Ahmed, 37. "I like the place. It provides entertainment."

The temperature inside is a cool -3 degrees Celsius.

"It's freezing," chatters 14-year-old Abdulrahman Hamad after spending some 90 minutes playing in the snow.

A younger boy appears to feel the pinch of the freezing air even more, and suggests a novel way of countering it.

"It looks cloudy and feels very cold. Why don't they also put a sun in here?" asks four-year-old Salman.

The facility is not the first of its kind in the arid Gulf region.

The emirate of Dubai boasts an indoor ski resort that opened in 2005, featuring ski slopes complete with towbars and a

chairlift.

Entertainment options Saudi Arabia has long relied on religious tourism, attracting millions of the faithful for Haj and Umrah.

But with more than half of its population under the age of 25, the kingdom is also now pushing to provide more entertainment options for its residents, many of whom turn to neighbouring Bahrain or Dubai for leisure activities.

In April, the authorities launched an ambitious economic diversification plan to wean the kingdom off oil as the main revenue earner, with development of tourism and entertainment projects among other wide-ranging goals.

US company Six Flags Entertainment Corporation announced in June that it is holding talks with Saudi Arabia to build theme parks in the country.

On Snow City's Facebook page, many commentators have eagerly welcomed the new attraction.

"Turns out women are allowed in," one Facebook user noted.

And in a comment reflecting some of the attitudes currently prevalent in Saudi Arabia, a woman asks: "Is there a day for ladies only?"



## Murdered Qandeel Baloch took care of family, including killer brother

Mohammad Azeem, the father of Qandeel Baloch, the Pakistani social media sensation who was strangled to death by her own brother, said on Monday he would pursue the case against his son Waseem.

“She was my son, not a daughter. I have lost my son. She supported all of us, including my son who killed her,” he added. His sons were unhappy over “her achievements” and turned against her even though she supported them, he added.

Confessing to his crime, Pakistan’s internet sensation and model Qandeel Baloch’s brother who was arrested for drugging and strangling her said he is “not embarrassed” to have killed her as she brought disrepute to the family.

The 26-year-old Qandeel Baloch was killed at her home in central district of Multan. Her brother Muhammad Wasim had fled soon after the incident. He was arrested late on Saturday, Multan City police chief Azhar Akram said, and confessed to drug-

ging then strangling her “for honour”.

In an interview to Dawn.com the day before her death, Qandeel had said, “I married my sister off, I gave jahez (dowry) for her wedding, I tried to keep relations going with my family, I bought a house for them in Multan. My parents are settled in Multan, my house is there.”

Baloch had also alleged that she had divorced her husband because he was abusive, and that a marriage had been forced upon her when she was 17 by her parents. She said that she has a child who she is not allowed to meet.

Responding to questions at a press conference arranged by police officials, brother Wasim said that “Yes of course, I strangled her.”

“I am a drug addict but I was in my senses when I murdered her and I accept it with pride. Now everybody will remember me with honour that I have provided relief to

my parents and brothers who were suffering for the last two decades because of her,” said Wasim recalling the ‘disrepute’ Qandeel brought to their family.

He further went on to say, “Girls are born only to stay at home and to bring honour to the family by following family traditions but Qandeel had never done that.”

“My friends used to send me videos and pictures on my mobile and everyone in the mobile market was sharing pictures and videos of her with me. Murdering her was better than committing suicide so I went with the former plan,” added Wasim.

Qandeel was a media sensation, bold in her videos and considered quite controversial in the country. She shot to fame in Pakistan in 2014 after a video of her pout-



ing for the camera. She became famous through her tireless self-promotion and suggestive “selfies” posted on social media and had amassed tens of thousands of followers.

Qandeel had taken social media by storm with her statement promising to strip if Pakistan won the T20 cricket match against India in March.

Baloch’s funeral was held early Sunday near her family home in southern Punjab.

## Latino Muslims at country’s only Spanish-speaking mosque: ‘Islam changed my life’

Alfonso Flores looked relieved. Standing at the front of the prayer hall, the 29-year-old dental technician accepted hugs and handshakes from other members of the Centro Islámico, America’s only mosque founded specifically to be a place for Spanish-language programming for Latinos. Flores had just taken the shahada, the Islamic profession of faith, at the mosque’s first-ever Cinco de Mayo celebration on Saturday, where community members with roots in Colombia, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Cuba and other countries served halal variations of their traditional foods, while celebrating their shared identity as Muslims.

“We’re like a family,” said Ana Ortiz, a Puerto Rican Muslim originally from New Jersey, who was serving food at the festival’s Puerto Rico tent.

Since it opened on 30 January 2016, 18 people like Flores have taken the shahada at the mosque in Houston. There are more than 55 million people of Hispanic origin in the United States, and more than 3 million Muslims. Estimates of the number of Latino Muslims in the US range from 30,000 to 300,000.

Latino Muslims have organized across the country for decades, but have had few mosques specifically built around their communities. New York’s Alianza Islámica opened a storefront mosque in mid-1990s, but it closed down by 2005. Houston’s Centro Islámico is among the first to organize since then.

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Centro Islámico, America’s first Spanish-language mosque. Photograph: Ryan

Schuessler for the Guardian

“We used to gather in different masjids,” said Magidel Morris as she served halal tamales in the mosque’s parking lot on Saturday. “But then we got together and decided we had to have a place for Hispanic people to get together and learn about Islam.” With the Centro Islámico, America’s Latino Muslims now have a home of their own.

“[Latinos] want to learn about Islam,” said Jalil Navarro, who donned a Mexican luchador mask while distributing Spanish-language Qur’ans in the masjid’s parking lot. “but sometimes they step into a masjid and there is no people to serve them if they don’t speak English.”

Islam in Spanish, the organization that founded the mosque, was formed to fill that gap. Founded in 2001 by Colombian American convert Jaime Fletcher, the organization produces Spanish-language programming and Islamic educational materials that are distributed throughout the Americas. Today there are more than 1,000 Latino Muslims affiliated with the organization.

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‘We had to have a place for Hispanic people to get together and learn about Islam.’ Photograph: Ryan Schuessler for the Guardian  
What do American Muslims think of the election and its presidential candidates?  
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“They’ve been able to really define very significant and strong Latino and Muslim identities, and to merge the two together,”

said Ken Chitwood, a PhD student at the University of Florida who studies and writes about the growing Latino Muslim community. “And they are very intentional about that.”

In his research, Chitwood has found that most Latino Muslims are converts from Christianity. Central and South American countries are heavily rooted in the Roman Catholic church.

“Typically, there is some sort of spiritual wandering that occurs,” Chitwood said. “There is some type of spiritual dissatisfaction with their present religious outlook, be that Catholic or Protestant or whatever. And then they go looking.”

“We have it in our roots,” said Navarro, who has been a Muslim for three years, one month, and 10 days as of 10 May 2016 – he’s counting. “Islam changed my life.”

The interior of Houston’s Centro Islámico is decorated with motifs that echo the striped arches of La Mezquita de Córdoba, a 10th-century mosque still standing in southern Spain.  
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‘You can practice Islam and remain a Latino.’ Photograph: Ryan Schuessler for the Guardian

“They are doing the work of identity construction,” Chitwood said. “They are imagining a common homeland for themselves, that is shared across Latino Muslims and is rooted in more traditional Islamic history.



When you say ‘the Islamic world’, nobody thinks of Puerto Rico or Cuba.”

Fletcher said: “You can practice Islam and remain a Latino ... We want Latinos to be proud of where they come from, to have a strong sense of identity for themselves.”

Flores had talked about Islam with Muslim co-workers, and had visited other mosques while learning more about the faith. But it was when he found the Centro Islámico – the community of Latino Muslims, specifically – that he was moved to profess his faith. Saturday’s Cinco de Mayo celebration was only the second time he had visited the mosque.

“You can relate,” Flores said. “A lot of Muslims grow up in their lifestyle, and we’re different.”

“We change our religion, but we don’t change our culture,” said Magidel Morris, whose hijab was striped with the colors of Mexico’s flag: red, white and green. “We’re still Mexican.”

This article was amended on 9 May 2016 to correct a previous headline, which misidentified the mosque as the first Spanish-speaking one in the US.

## Pune businessman who became famous for 'gold shirt' murdered

Pune: A 48-year-old businessman from Pune, who shot into the limelight after buying a 'gold shirt' worth over Rs one crore some years back, was allegedly bludgeoned to death in front of his son, police said today.

Datta Phuge, the businessman from the industrial township of Pimpri-Chinchwad in the district, had become the talk of the town after he presented himself a 'gold shirt' weighing about 3.5 kg and worth Rs 1.27 crore in 2012. At least 12 persons attacked Phuge at an open ground in Dighi area here at around 11.30 PM last night with stones and a sharp weapon, killing him on the spot.

"As per preliminary information, Phuge and his son were invited by one of the suspects, who know each other, to celebrate a birthday. However, we are investigating how Phuge reached the open ground where he was murdered," Dighi police station inspector Navnath Ghogare said.

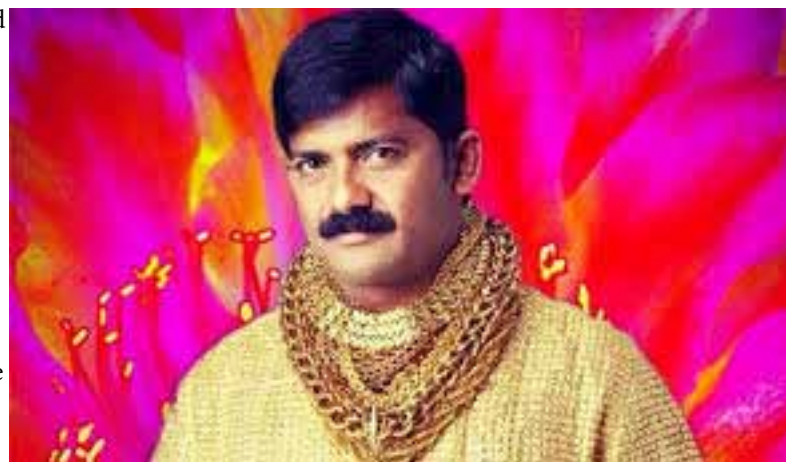
Phuge's 22-year-old son, who too had reached the spot following a similar 'birthday' invitation and witnessed his father's murder, was spared by the attackers, police said.

Datta Phuge, the husband of a former corporator from Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, was into money lending and chit fund business.

Police suspect that some dispute over a money transaction could be the reason behind the gory murder.

"We have detained four persons and suspect that dispute over a money transaction between them could be the motive behind his murder," said Ghogare.

In 2012, Phuge presented himself the glittering shirt made



out of gold and as per the local jeweller who had crafted the piece, as many as 15 goldsmiths from Bengal had worked for 16 hours a day over a period of two weeks to make the shirt ordered by him.

## Expat Shot Dead Over Delay In Serving Order At A Restaurant



Police arrested a man who shot dead a fast-food restaurant worker as there was some delay in serving his order.

The disgruntled customer verbally assaulted the employees before he left the restaurant and returned with a gun and shot the worker while he was busy on his phone in the restaurant.

"The police showed up to the scene to find the expatriate had been shot and blood was pooling from his body. The victim was taken to hospital but he had already passed away. The police looked at the surveillance camera footage and was able to identify the customer," a source told Arabic Okaz newspaper.

"Some witnesses say the worker had de-



played the customer's order, which aggravated him," they said.

The video has sparked a hashtag on social media calling for the death of the customer for the reckless crime.

A video made just before the incident trended on social media where the man, in his 30s, was seen arguing with the expatriate worker.

This is not the first incident as in 2014 another incident occurred when a Saudi man stabbed a worker at a grocery store 54 times and killed him in front of a large crowd of people.

He lamented that Trump has not apologized to Sen. John McCain for saying, one year ago, that McCain is not a war hero because he was captured. Dole said "he was kept in a little cage, he had arms broken. ... He's a war hero if there ever was one." Dole added that McCain is "not

## India refuses to renew visas for 3 Chinese journalists

NEW DELHI (AP) — India's government has refused to renew the visas for three Chinese journalists working for China's official Xinhua News Agency, an official said meaning they will have to leave the country by the end of this month.

The official declined to disclose the reasons for the refusal to renew the visas — a move that comes amid tensions between the two countries — but said Xinhua could send replacements for the journalists.

The official said that the three had received several visa extensions and that one of them has been in India for the past seven years. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters.

Though the Tibetan government in exile is headquartered in the northern Indian town of Dharamsala, thousands of Tibetans live in southern Karnataka state, whose capital is Bangalore.

bitter" and will vote for Trump.

Dole also said that he wants Trump to go to New Mexico to apologize to Republican Gov. Susanna Martinez, because Republicans "need Latinos in the party — we need more women in the party." Dole said he raised these concerns with Trump on the phone.

Speaking from the Republican convention in Cleveland, Dole said that Trump should "reach out to more people, Reagan Democrats or independents, and unify our party." The former Senate majority leader, who has been to every Republican convention since 1964, initially endorsed Jeb Bush, who, he said, "just never caught fire," and then supported Marco Rubio, who worked for his 1996 presidential campaign.

As for the institution where Dole spent four decades (from 1961 to 1996), Dole

Xinhua and China's Foreign Ministry did not immediately respond to faxed requests for comment on Sunday.

Non-renewal of visas is generally a step followed by various governments to expel foreign journalists.

Indian media reports said the three Chinese journalists were based in New Delhi and Mumbai.

The Indian government's decision comes at a time when the two countries' ties have been under strain following China's refusal to support India's application for membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group at a meeting in Seoul last month.

They also share a disputed Himalayan border over which they fought a bloody monthlong conflict in 1962. Any border agreement resolving the dispute looks unlikely in the immediate future, but they appear to be willing to avoid incidents such as incursions into the disputed territory.

said he thinks Trump can work with Congress. "I believe he'll be bipartisan, not some rigid extreme conservative." One thing he believes voters should understand: Presidential candidates are not going to get much done unless their plans can pass through Congress.

Dole said he believes that "People are angry. ... Some may not ever know what they're angry about" and that while he does not "blame Obama for all of it," he does believe "We have a mess in the world" and that Trump is a strong leader. Dole, who turns 93 on Friday, said that he still is working as a lawyer and misses politics every day. Sporting an "I still like Ike" button, he is mounting an effort to build an Eisenhower memorial in Washington, D.C.

## Bob Dole on the state of the Republican Party

By Brian Goldsmith

Former Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole told Yahoo News Global Anchor Katie Couric that this year's GOP nominee, Donald Trump, is a "strong leader" but should "tone down his rhetoric and become an inclusive Republican."

# Celebrating Queen's 90th Birthday, Veeraswamy in London Attracts Indian Food Lovers to Join in Its Own 90th Anniversary



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Chicago IL: We are proud to join in the grand celebration to mark the milestone event in the life of Britain's longest – serving monarch, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth as the world celebrates her 90th birthday," declared Camellia Panjabi, co-owner Camellia Panjabi, a world-renowned expert on Indian food. "It's another milestone for us as the prestigious Veeraswamy restaurant in London, the oldest Indian Restaurant in the world, turned 90-years-old this year."

Situated in a prime location overlooking London's Regent Street, Veeraswamy has been offering the finest classical Indian cuisine since 1926. As the first of its kind, it is celebrated as a great historical restaurant of London and certainly as the grand dame of Indian restaurants and is known for its refined cuisine and opulent Raj-inspired style. It has always exuded a great deal of glamour.

Opened by Edward Palmer, the great-grandson of an English military strategist and an Indian exotic Mughal princess, Veeraswamy, in its early years, served cuisine of the entire Indian sub-continent. Palmer himself was a retired British Indian Army officer and in 1924 – 5 had run the Indian section at the British Empire Exhibition, Wembley, where his company, E.P. Veeraswamy & Co., Indian Food Specialists, sold spices, chutneys and curry pastes and ran an Indian café.

A few years later the restaurant was taken over by Sir William Seaward in

1930, an English Member of Parliament. Throughout the 1930s during the Great Depression trade was very difficult, but the owners used great resourcefulness and came through the challenging times. In the 1940s and 1950s the restaurant became a great success.

From then on, the Veerasawmy was wildly successful and continued to attract a celebrity clientele until the 1960s when it started to decline.

The first ever curry in a can was introduced under Veeraswamy Food Products brand in the early 1950s. The restaurant was sold by Sir William in 1967. The food products business under the Veeraswamy name continued to be owned by the couple into the 1990s.

In 1996, the restaurant was bought by Namita Panjabi and Ranjit Mathrani, then owners of a successful Indian restaurant called Chutney Mary in Kings road Chelsea. The next 18 months were to see more changes than during the previous 70 years. The restaurant décor was completely updated and adopted an ultramodern theme in the late 1990s; however for its 80th anniversary in 2006, it was redecorated in the opulent 1920s motif.

Veeraswamy is currently owned by the Chutney Mary group whose owners' profile now includes Chutney Mary, Amaya and Masala Zone chain. The Company bought back the brand Veeraswamy of pickles, curry pastes and chutneys which is now marketed



in the UK and worldwide by BARTS U.K.

In recent decades, based on the popularity of authentic Indian food in the UK, Veeraswamy serves a menu of regional Indian cuisines, including dishes from Punjab, Lucknow, Kashmir, Kerala and Goa. "You can taste all varieties of freshly made food under one roof, elegantly served," says Panjabi.

Camellia Panjabi, who is the author of "50 Great Curries of India," which has sold over 1.5 million copies, which describes the secrets to creating authentic Indian curries at home, oversees the menu at Veeraswamy.

The menu is different from other Indian restaurants and really interesting. This is the place to experience classic Indian dishes that you may not even find easily even on restaurant menus in India; there are also some amaz-

ing modern creations as you relax in opulent Raj-inspired surroundings.

To celebrate its 90th year, the menu has incorporated a few dishes from the Royal Palace Kitchens of India – from the Nizams of Hyderabad's Palace kitchen and the Royal Palace at Patiala.

National Geographic claims that Veeraswamy is among the 10 best "destination and special restaurants" in the world. It's high-class, high value fine dining right in London's West End. Described as one of the least expensive restaurant on National Geographic's list of the Top Ten Destination Restaurants on Earth, and as one of the most mind-blowing meals one has ever experienced in life. For more information and to visit the oldest and the finest Indian Restaurant in the world.

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# South India: Dravidian parties outmaneuver other parties in Tamil Nadu!

-Dr. Abdul Ruff

Recent state assembly election in Tamil Nadu has explicitly showed that the two main Dravidian parties one led by J. Jayalalithaa, and other by M. Karunanidhi have come to stay as the sole political expressions of Tamilians and there seems to be no way any other party, either regional or national- can replace them as the dominant or ruling party of the state

DMK is one of the two dominant political parties in Tamil Nadu. The other dominant political party is its offshoot, All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK). As of this writing (2015), either DMK or AIADMK has ruled the state since 1967.

Not only national parties, except Congress which congested as a major coalition partner of DMK, even important regional parties which took birth in Tamil state also failed to impress the masses that preferred on the ruling AIADMK and opposition DMK to be their representatives in the assembly and parliament.

The assembly outcomes have explicitly put a fact on national notice that no other party can form a government in the state for years to come, unless they themselves decide the spoil the mileage they have won so far in polls. Further, the Dravidian parties have also proven that no national or regional party can form government at the centre without aligning with either of these two wings.

Nowhere in India have two parties continued to dominate the regional politics as both the AIADMK and DMK have been in TN. AIADMK supermo Jayalalithaa led her party to a historic second consecutive win almost single handedly.

CN Annadurai floated DMK a political party to fight assembly and parliamentary polls and won the polls and formed the first non-Congress government Madras State and which he later renamed it as Tamil Nadu. Popular actor M. G. Ramachandran the then treasurer of the DMK formed his splinter party Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam in 1972 after a personal feud with the DMK chief M. Karunanidhi. His AIADMK, as another Dravidian party, would take charge of the government after winning state elections in 1977. Since then either AIADMK or DMK formed the governments in Tamil Nadu.

## Brief Dravidian history

Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and its political rival All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) have been the major players of the Dravidian parties

Dravidian parties include an array of regional political parties in the state of Tamil Nadu, India which trace their origins and ideologies either directly or indirectly to the Dravidian movement of Periyar E. V. Ramasamy. The Dravidian parties have traditionally associated themselves with the Dravidian community and thus their primary goal was to achieve social equality and end the domination of North India on politics and economy of Tamil Nadu (a south Indian state).

Although most Dravidian parties are offshoots of Dravidar Kazhagam (DK), there are a few other parties in Tamil Nadu that did not arise from DK directly. Nevertheless, both the former and the latter are considered as Dravidian parties because of the similarities of their ideals and goals.

Immediately after Indian independence, the Congress party was popular and thus was electorally very successful forming governments in most of the states including the Madras State.[8] But the popularity of the Congress government in Madras started to decline with its head Rajagopalachari proposing Hereditary Education Policy, which the opposition parties saw as an attempt to per-

petuate the social hierarchy of the caste system. Congress gained back some ground when K. Kamaraj who was seen as a "man of the soil" took over. But his resignation to assume presidency of the All-India Congress Committee was detrimental to the state Congress since Kamaraj was much respected by the people, and even by political opponents of Congress including Periyar E. V. Ramasamy. Resignation of Kamaraj itself was a cause of deeply declining popularity of Congress all over India and especially in Madras State. Kamaraj sensed that DMK was rapidly gaining popularity in the state and coupled with his fear of fall of Congress-governments in several other states of India as well as the center instigated many other Congress leaders to relinquish cabinet positions.

Complacency ruined Congress party, more than corruption, less production and weak supply networkings and price rises. New rulers made money as new ruler, though not the proportion of today's level. There were food shortage in several parts of the country and especially the state of Bihar was close to a famine. After Kamaraj's resignation, the next Chief Minister of Madras State, Bhakthavatchalam, wasn't able to inherit the charm of his predecessor. Persistent charges of ministerial corruption tarnished the image of the Congress. The food scarcity in the state was seen as an artificial scarcity, the mixed product of administrative bungling and private hoarding. The then scenario in Madras State, as observed by political analysts, was "frustration without coherence or direction, a revolutionary situation without revolutionists" At one point even India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru would volunteer to resign as per Kamaraj Plan to strengthen the party, but soon to be advised not to, given the sensitivity of the issue. After Nehru's death the Indian National Congress had weakened nationally. More than half of the population by then were less than the age of 35 and represented the post-Gandhian era. Nevertheless, the reasons for the resentment found within the Indian mass were more to do to the everyday life rather than just the political turmoil.

DMK made use of the negative effects of anti-Hindi mood of Tamils, caste system, food shortage, corruption to build up the cadres. The differences between North and South India, both as in languages as well as in social structure were compounded in Tamil Nadu through the feeling that the nation was dominated by the North and that the South had been both neglected and exploited. The antipathy towards the north developed as the animosity against Sanskrit as well as Brahmin as a proponent of Sanskrit; Brahminism was seen as the instrument of this "tyranny". Ritually and socially superior to the non-Brahmin masses, a Brahmin commanded a dominant political and economic position in Tamil Nadu. With the rise of Dravidar Kazhagam and birth of DMK, along with the ascent of Kamaraj in the Congress, the Brahmin dominance was already on the process of being displaced in the Madras State. the politicians of the North looking at English as a foreign language that has usurped the rightful place of indigenous languages, whereas the South feared that English to be replaced by Hindi which is equally foreign to its tongues.

## Anti-Hindi agitation

The major driving force of the Anti-Hindi agitation was the of future of Tamils in extra Hindi dominated North, seeking to impose Hindi on non-Hindi states. An Official Language Commission appointed under the terms of the Constitution in 1955 to review the situation supported Hindi as the sole official language, although members from Bengal and Madras dissented in favour of English. Number of people with knowledge on English language was fairly evenly spread and also that imposition of Hindi would give a major advantage in terms of job and educational possibilities to those who have Hindi as their mother tongue. In effect a Tamil who would desire to

pursue into union civil service would have to learn three languages, Tamil, Hindi and English, which are members of three different language families and each written in a different script. Therefore, a three-language formula proposed was seen as a great educational burden imposed on non-Hindi-speaking states.

Unlike South and East, where people wanted to learn English as international language north outrightly opposed three language formula as they wanted only one language formula everywhere with Hindi dominating every domain of administration. Nehru promised to India that Hindu won't come in the way of other regions where it is not spoken. And in 1959 he said that the interests of the non-Hindi speakers will be safeguarded and so did next PM Lal Bahadur Shastri later, but those promises didn't put the fears of non-Hindi speakers to rest.

In the early 1960s DMK became a champion of the anti-Hindi cause that became popular among masses, controlled corporations of all the major towns in the Madras State. As the time clocked down to 26 January 1965, the threshold for the end of use of English as official language, neither Nehru's promise nor the constitutional amendments of 1963 could calm the Tamil population, as it was obvious for them that moves to publicize Hindi as a language for Civil service examinations were underway by the central government. With the surging fears haunting the people of Madras, Congress party of the state would do nothing bigger than a small demonstration and insist the people that there was no ground for alarm. In contrast, DMK held an Anti-Hindi Conference in Tiruchirappalli on 17 January 1965. The conference was supported by all major opposition parties and funded by major wealthy industrialists – the industrialists who themselves feared of losing into influence of the North if Hindi be made the official language. The conference decided to hold the 26 January (the fifteen anniversary of India's republic day) as a Day of Mourning.

The Anti Hindi agitation and the popularity gained through it aided DMK to a great extent to win the 1967 general elections under a broad coalition of several like-minded parties, including Communist party and Muslim League. .

## Growth of DMK

It can be noted that the DMK was one of the two parties (the other being the Muslim League) to win all the seats it contested in the national elections, winning 25 of 25 (the Muslim League won 3 of 3) and emerged as the third major opposition party in the Indian Parliament. Kamaraj, who was the President of the Congress party then, himself lost to a little known "student leader" in his home constituency. The DMK had garnered more than 6 million votes in the state assembly winning 138 out of 173 seats it contested. The electoral victory in 1967 is also attributed to an electoral fusion among the non-Congress parties to avoid a split in the Opposition votes. Rajagopalachari, a former senior leader of the Congress party, had by then left the Congress and launched the right-wing Swatantra Party. He played a vital role in bringing about the electoral fusion among the opposition parties to align themselves against the Congress.

Annadurai, who by now was trying hard to erase his party's secessionist image, proclaimed that the official slogan of the agitation will be "Down with Hindi; Long live the Republic" – in Tamil – "Hindi Ozhiga; Kudiয়ারasu Vāzhga". With the tensions tightening in the South, some Northern states, such as Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh organized anti-English riots South



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involving, violence and lawlessness against government properties. Thus as the North-South divide further deepened, the stage was set for conflict between the Congress-led government and the opposition parties, but the scale and development of the conflict were expected by none

Dravidian parties rose to power and prominence in the political stage of Tamil Nadu, a state in India, in the 1960s. The rise in power and political support was gradual until Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), a Dravidian party, formed the government in the state in 1967. Although after the 1970s the Dravidian parties met with many break-aways and have taken rival stances against each other, the seat of power in Tamil Nadu has been with one or other Dravidian party. The increase in popularity of the Dravidian parties in the 1960s is attributed to several factors including the fall of popularity of the Congress Government in the centre and the North-South disparity as claimed by the Dravidian politics. The series of events climaxed with an anti Hindi agitation which led to the downfall of popularity of the then Indian National Congress government in the state and eventual rise of Dravidian parties to power.

DMK championed the cause of independent Tamil Nadu (or, if possible, independent Dravida Nadu comprising the four southern states of India) starting from its inception in 1949. But this politics has changed over years as it defeated the Congress party and began ruling the state. Its parent party Dravidar Kazhagam (DK) from its inception



in 1944. The first call for Tamil Nadu independence seems to have been made by the Tamil Nation Liberation Association (Tamil Desa Viduthalai Sangam) in August 1938. The DMK Central Committee (Maththiya Seyarkuzu) voted to drop the independence demand on November 3,

1963, after the Indian Parliament passed the Sixteenth Amendment to the Indian Constitution; the amendment prohibited those who advocate separatism from running for public offices (such as Indian parliament and state legislative assembly). It would seem that the abandonment of the independence platform was not from the heart but a tactical move, at least on the part of Karunanidhi who was a senior DMK leader at that time.

Until now, for us, the people of Tamil Nadu, elections have only meant two political outfits and their respective symbols, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (rising sun) and All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (two leaves). To be more precise, they have meant two parties and three personalities – say M Karunanidhi, MG Ramachandran and J Jayalalithaa. These three have trapped and controlled the political imagination of the people. For an electorate that led the way in social reform, we have lost almost all our social awareness and reduced politics to hero-worship and sycophancy.

The direct connection between cinema and Tamil Nadu's socio-politics continued right up to the 1980s. Even though it has moved away in the last few decades, in the psyche of the Tamilian this bond has not been broken. When a cinemagoer watches a film, he/she is unconsciously connecting the political and cultural, film personalities with the power of change.

### Economic gains

DMK and AIADMK promoted the freebie culture in the state to woo the voters. Are people so naïve that they vote based on the gifts they receive from the establishment? This is, the system establishes a giver-taker power syndrome and the gift confirms benevolence as a virtue. On the other side of the scale, the receiver is thankful for the kindness shown by the rulers. The politicians distribute the gifts to voters as the frenzy surrounds the events.

One comprehends how political outfits cultivate an environment of competition among those who are benefi-

ciaries, always keeping them in check and consciously positioning themselves as kings and queens. This is only an extension of the landowner-laborer syndrome in official terms.

The pre-election money distribution is unfortunately seen only as another gift. The AIADMK and the DMK are masters at this craft. But I am not going to straight-jacket citizens that easily. Existing within this bamboozled environment, voters also figure a way to exercise some pressure and pit one gift against another. Yet, they remain within the established condition.

Tamil Nadu has been a dictatorial democracy for far too long. Is Tamil Nadu safe under these Dravidian giants? Recent killing of a girl Swathi at a railway station in Chennai raises the question of safety for women, children and even others in the state. Whether it is the DMK or the AIADMK in power, in matters of freedom and citizens rights, they are not very different. Both cannot control corruption.

Many citizens are mortally afraid of taking them on, scared that "licensed gondaas will physically harm us. The cadres of both these parties abuse their strength with great regularity and no police force will come to common man's aid.

One gets the impression that mafias decide the course of the society in the state.

Will these elections change anything?

### Poll message

The recent poll was an unusual as for the first time Tamil Nadu had multi-cornered fight with a new alliance emerging under Vaiko in the shape of the Front created by the Left, Vaiko's party, a couple of major Dalit formations, Vasan's TMC, and one led by a cine star Vijayakanth -banding together. This alliance was expected, technically, to spoil AIADMK's and DMK's calculations and significantly democratize political power in the state.

But that did not happen as people preferred AIADMK and DMK to fill the assembly seats.

Tamil Nadu's hero-worship, especially the display of unabashed mother-worship that Jayalalithaa receives from her followers, has made the country look at the state with surprise. Analysts related Tamil Nadu's electoral behavior to caste-based politics, "freebie culture" and pre-election bribery that has become the norm in the state. They also implied that the Tamil people in general are gullible illiterates who have been taken for a ride by the Dravidian parties for a very long time. But the Tamil people gave a measured response in support of Dravidian leadership.

At the base of popular choices lies an essential cultural fact: linguistically and racially, Tamils, maybe South Indians, see themselves as different from the rest of the country. Tamil one of the oldest languages of India, is so different from most Indian languages that the people of Tamil Nadu do feel different, special – and isolated. Tamils don't look like most people of India and the texture of their habits, rituals and celebrations are entirely Tamil.

How much ever historians and anthropologists may argue the validity of the Aryan-Dravidian divide, under the skin and in the mind of every Tamilian the division exists and attitude of Norte toward South and Tamils make division marked.

It is this socio-cultural reality that brought to the fore the Dravidian movement, and this is one of the reasons the Dravidian parties have taken over politics in Tamil Nadu. In spite of the emergence of so many other Dravidian parties, DMK and AIADMK even today own the Tamil card. Tamils trust them. May be it is their political lineage that gives them this strangle hold! But that is a fact. The AIADMK government needs to ensure that factions and divisive groups at police stations do not obstruct the dealings with cases and investigations in police stations, at all levels, thereby harming the very nature of police job.

### Observation

The assembly poll 2016 led to the weakening of all non-

Dravidian parties. Vaiko originally a Dravidian leader floated his own party and made an electoral coalition with other 5 parties to float front but none of candidates of the coalition won a seat to the assembly.

PMK, of Dr. Ramadoss lost its representatives in the new assembly as not even his son Anbumani could win his "safe" seat from his home constituency with his caste dominating politics.

The worst predicament was that of Hindutva forces with a big agenda to saffronize the nation and create tensions across the nation. Worst sufferer in the poll is the Hindutva BJP which for years carved out a strong vote bank in the state by very cleverly using unconstitutional hatred for Muslims as the key campaign strategy. Later as the party was gaining acceptance in some towns, it bargained seats with DMK or AIADMK for seat agreements and it had and own seats in the Assembly and parliament. However, this time around BJP could not maneuver either with DMK or AIADMK- both outrightly rejected the BJP for electoral alliance. BJP always claimed it made the DMK and AIADMK win elections and without it both will fail miserably. BJP was defeated as it could not win even one seat in the assembly- the first time in years.

Now BJP has a parliamentary seat from Nagercoil (Kanyakumari) which it had won through an electoral alliance with the AIADMK and the MP is now a central minister in Modi cabinet. The problem is the party has lost all 6 assembly segments in the assembly polls and it is likely to lose the parliamentary seat as well when the national poll takes place. The party is now facing an existential threat in the state and so the Modi led BJP government wants to save the Nagercoil seat and has announced a sea port to be built in Colachel and concerned minister is so enthusiastic about the port project in some way. But Kerala government has objected to it as its own sea port in Vizhinjam near capital Thiruvananthapuram, about 40 KM from Colachel has already been sanctioned by the previous Congress-UPA government led by Manamohan Singh. The Colachel port can cause losses to Vizhinjam port. Now Kerala is ruled by Left parties while the port project was of the then Congress led UDF government.

In spite of the rampant corruption, the state has moved forward albeit slowly. Crucially reservations have been largely a success story, providing opportunity to so many, though unemployment keeps growing. These have also kept voters at large, within the DMK/AIADMK ambit. Other parties have no such records to show to the state voters. Tamil Nadu has never really been at the nadir of economic development; in other words Tamil Nadu has not been a Bihar or UP. True, the statistics keeps changing.

While the DMK forged an alliance with Congress party, the ruling AIADMK did not try to make any alliance with any party (a couple minor parties she gave seats to contest) and won the assembly for the second consecutive time. Selvi Jaya proved that she was unnecessarily over confident about her party coming back to power. But she is right: people love her.

Tamils love the major Dravidian parties but more AIADMK than DMK.

Major Dravidian parties in Tamilnadu are as follows:  
AIADMK - All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (M. G. Ramachandran, Janaki Ramachandran, Jayalalithaa Jayaram) [Split from DMK]  
DK - Dravidar Kazhagam (Periyar E. V. Ramaswamy Naicker, Veeramani) [Original Dravidian party]  
DMDK - Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam (Vijayakanth) [Not born out of any other Dravidian party]  
DMK - Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (C. N. Annadurai, Muthuvel Karunanidhi) [Split from DK]  
MDMK - Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (V. Gopalaswamy - Vaiko) [Split from DMK]  
PDK - Periyar Dravidar Kazhagam [Split from DK]  
PMK - Pattali Makkal Katchi (Ramadoss) [Not born out of any other Dravidian party]



# Turkey's foreign policy reorientation!

-Dr. Abdul Ruff

Today, Turkey is facing three major problems and though it employs diplomatic skills to cater for the redressal of those problems, it has not been able to overcome the obstacles. The three issues the former Ottoman Empire is facing are: one, its EU membership efforts against which many European countries raise opposition, making Istanbul's entry into the European parliament as a legitimate European state difficult, though the present Brexit move gives hopes for its speedy entry; two, the Kurdish problem, fueled by outside sources which has given a constant headache for the ruling AKP and its leader Erdogan; and three, its effort to lead Islamic world that are spoiled by war in Syria. Turkey's chances of becoming a veto power depend on the successful handling by the government of these issues.

Turkey is doing a faster burn on the Kurds. Having waged a fierce war against Kurdish separatists in southern Turkey, the Turkish government has taken military action against the Kurds of Iraq and Syria to prevent Kurdish forces from connecting two enclaves — one in Iraq and one in Syria — that could form the geographic beginning of an independent Kurdistan.



Although Turkey has successfully resolved to sort out its issues with Russia and Israel so that it could put at rest the challenges from both these powerfully dictatorial states controlling the wars in Mideast by coordinating their destabilizing operations along with USA.

When it found its assertive diplomacy is not yielding the desired fruits, Turkey has revised its strategy and renewed its ties with both Russia and Israel.

## Turkey and Russia

A NATO member Turkey and an anti-NATO Russia do not have close ties and in fact ideally they cannot cooperate in international politics, either. In fact, Turkey joined the NATO very early when it felt the Soviet threat and the NATO used Istanbul in order to assert its 'traditional' control over Islamic world, including Arab world and Iran. USA and UK and other big powers skillfully divided Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Egypt to deny them a place on the important UNSC veto system and made them fight for just non-veto position on the UNSC for usual two years by rotation. In fact, these top Islamic nations bitterly opposed each other on the UNSC with veto, unlike Russia which fought for China, its communist ally then, on the veto regime. .

Bilateral trade was normal.

In the first four months of the year, Turkey's exports to Russia dropped to \$484.6 million, a 61.5 percent de-

crease compared to the same period of 2015. The head of the Agriculturalists Association of Turkey (TZOB) earlier noted that his sector's losses had reached \$290 million over the year due to the political problems with Russia. "Russia's share in our fresh fruit and vegetable exports was 39 percent on an amount basis and 42 percent on a value basis. The sector's exports have been negatively affected since sanctions were imposed by Russia on Jan. 1. While Turkey made around \$368.2 million in revenue in exchange for around 530,000 tons of fresh fruit and vegetable exports to Russia in the first five months of 2015, this figure plunged to around \$78.2 million of revenue for some 113,000 tons of exports".

A downturn in relations occasioned by Turkey's downing of a Russian jet last November especially impacted economic and trade ties. When Turkey developed tension with Russia over the latter's violation of Turkey's air space, Israel moved swiftly to win over Russia and Netanyahu became a regular visit to President Putin's office in Moscow as part of their joint strategy in Syria and West Asia in general. Turkey felt the pinch which was unbearable. Hence Turkey decided to move

cautiously and make over with both Russia and Israel, maybe on US advice. Thus Istanbul's effort to neutralize the badly tensed situation harming its interests has made it a favourite of both countries.

Relations between Russia and Turkey have taken a nosedive over the Syrian civil war, particularly after Turkey shot down a Russian plane. But even before that, Turkey's support of Sunni jihadist organizations was a thorn in the side of Russia, which still fears Sunni jihad inside southern Russia. Russia has goals in Syria and Israel also has requirements.

After roughly nine months of disagreement, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed to revive their stalled bilateral relationship in their first direct contact on June 29, fueling hopes about restoring economic and trade ties. According to experts, recent moves to normalize ties between Turkey and Russia will benefit both sides' economy as well as the region's economy, particularly in the energy, tourism and trade sectors.

Russian Economic Development Minister Alexey Ulyukayev said the trade and investment relations between Turkey and Russia would be rebuilt, according to a TASS report on July 1. An expert from the Energy Markets and Policies Institute (EPPEN) said the improving relations would make the most positive contributions in the energy sector. Russia has heavily

invested in Turkey's energy sector and a possible resolution over gas prices would be significant if both sides can agree. Nigyar Masumova, an academic from the World Economy Department of Moscow State International Relations University, said the normalization in ties was some good news during difficult days for the both countries. Trade and tourism ties will return to the former levels in a short time, while the planned Turkish Stream project could be delayed due to economic problems in Russia. "We believe that the sanctions imposed by Russia on fresh fruit and vegetable imports from Turkey will likely be abolished in the autumn," she added.

One is not very sure if Turkey shot down the Russian plane on the instructions from Pentagon and that could be the reason why Russia did not retaliate because if it did retaliate NATO would attack Russian planes in the region leading to a brief war. . The Middle East total bankruptcy and the only country that Turkey can establish stable relations, start a dialogue and discuss political options with is Israel. Ankara and Tel Aviv's increasing need to share field intelligence seems to have triggered this normalization. Recently, Mossad chief Yossi Cohen visited Ankara and met with the top brass of the intelligence-security bureaucracy led by Turkey's intelligence chief Hakan Fidan.

## Turkey and Israel

Turkey and Israel had enjoyed a privileged relationship for more than 60 years. Before the flotilla raid, there was truly far-reaching military cooperation between Israel and Turkey that dated back to the 1960s and peaked in the 1990s. With the 1994 Defense Cooperation Agreement and 1996 Military Training Cooperation Agreement, military-security relations between the two became the most intimate in the Middle East. This cooperation was particularly prominent in intelligence sharing, military training and the defense industry. But relations between the two countries went into a deep freeze in 2010, when Israeli commandos attacked a Turkish ship in the Gaza Freedom Flotilla.

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In the early 2000s, in return for Israel's technical and intelligence support to Turkey in combating the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), Turkey shared with Israel the intelligence on Iran it had collected in Iraq and Turkey. Israel's combat pilots participated in the annual Anatolian Eagle exercises held at an airfield in Turkey's central Anatolian province of Konya, where they conducted training over mountainous topography unavailable in Israel. They also conducted regular joint exercises in the eastern Mediterranean until 2010. In return, Turkish pilots received training on surface-to-air missiles in Israel. In the defense industry, the most recent joint projects were the modernization of M60 tanks at a cost of \$650 million and F-4E planes for about \$1 billion, procurement and operation of armed Heron UAVs for \$200 million, electronic reconnaissance and surveillance systems at \$200 million, and procurement of missiles and smart ammunition for \$150 million.

Israel and Egypt have come to a deep understanding of the sources of instability and insecurity in Sinai, and the relationship between Hamas in Gaza and its primary sponsor, Iran, as well as ISIS.



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## Action taken against crew of Jet flight when Sonu Nigam sang



New Delhi: Action has been initiated against the cockpit crew and six cabin crew of a private airline by taking them off flying duties pending investigation, after a singer was allowed to sing in the flight on January 4, Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju said today.

The cabin crew in-charge was suspended for 15 days and all the crew members issued warning letters, he said in Rajya Sabha while assuring members that no compromise will be allowed on passenger safety.

“It is not as if no action is being taken and, definitely, frivolous activities will not be encouraged,” he said in reply to supplementaries during Question Hour.

“The public address system in aircraft is basically meant to reach out information of all kinds to the passengers. Safety and security will never be compromised and if there are aberrations, they will be attended to as per the rules and regulations,” he said.

He said all airlines have their methods about how they govern such things, but in case of a violation, the aviation regulator

DGCA takes note and suspend the erring staff from their services for a particular period of time, which causes a pecuniary loss to the people who work in those airlines.

“These things do happen and they take action, but comprising the safety and security of the passengers will never be allowed,” he said.

The incident occurred when Sonu Nigam had an impromptu performance on a Jet Airways flight following requests by some passengers using the public address system. Later, the airline issued a statement saying it had suspended all cabin crew of the Jodhpur-Mumbai flight and was enforcing corrective measures and taking disciplinary action.

To another supplementary on public facing harassment in the absence of use of public address system at some airports, Raju said “in congested airports, there is a problem as they have to be silent airports. Otherwise, it will become a cacophony, and the world over, such practices are there in congested airports. So we are following the same system.

Ileana D’Cruz, who plays Akshay Kumar’s wife in ‘Rustom’, says she had a lot of fun shooting for the film that is based on the 1959 incident that made headlines across India. But what she found most amusing throughout the shoot was the way director Tinu Suresh Desai would ask all men, including Akshay, to pull up their pants before he called ‘Action!’.

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Recalling that the team has paid special attention to details, the actress says, “During that time, high-waist pants were in vogue and men and women alike would wear their bottoms high up. There have been so many instances when Akshay and I would be chilling on the set during breaks and as soon as the camera started rolling, our director would shout, ‘Chalo sab log pant upar keench lo’. It was so funny seeing the men pull up their pants so that it would rest above their waist.”



## Bollywood actor Rajpal Yadav to go to jail – Find out why!



New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday rejected Bollywood actor Rajpal Yadav’s petition and directed him to surrender for not paying money to a businessman despite giving repeated undertakings.

Yadav was sent to 10 day-judicial custody by the Delhi High Court for filing a false affidavit. The actor, who had earlier spent four days in judicial custody, will now have to serve the remaining six-day term.

The apex court had earlier this week pulled Yadav for not paying money to a businessman despite giving repeated undertakings before the court, saying his conduct in the case was “inexplicable”.

While hearing an appeal filed by Yadav against the Delhi High Court’s June 3 order which directed him to surrender before the Tihar Jail by July 15 to serve the remainder six days of the total 10-day imprisonment awarded to him in 2013 for filing a false affidavit in the court.

Yadav had spent four days in jail from December 3, 2013 till December 6, 2013 after which a division bench of the High Court had suspended the sentence on his appeal.

The single judge bench, which was hearing the recovery suit, had taken exception to the affidavit filed by Yadav in December, 2013, which was allegedly falsely prepared and contained forged signatures of his wife.

The court had ordered that Yadav be sent to jail for 10 days for contempt.

Delhi-based businessman M G Agarwal, the owner of Murli Projects, had filed a recovery suit against the actor and his wife for failing to repay a loan of Rs five crore which Yadav had taken in 2010 to make his directorial debut film Ata Pata Laapata in 2012.

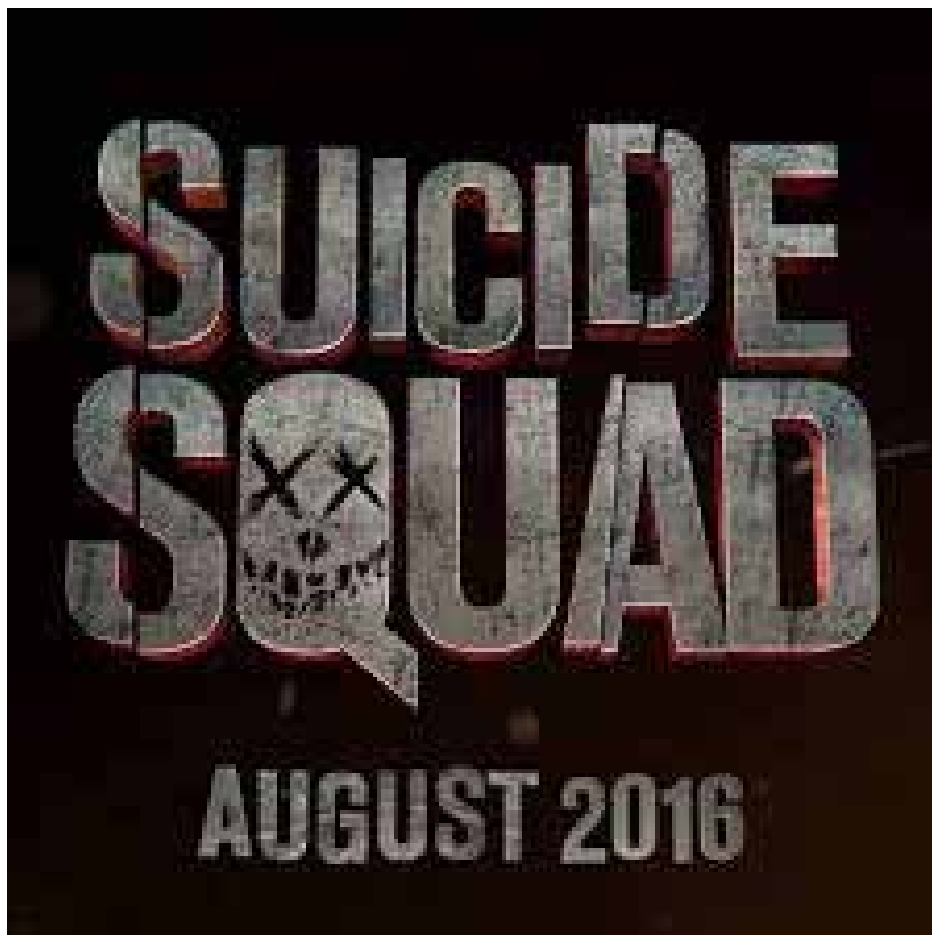
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## Ranveer Singh posts a ‘pout perfect’ selfie with Karisma Kapoor



Director Karan Johar recently stated that he could pout better than Ranveer Singh in a video he posted to promote Akshay Kumar’s film, ‘Rustom’. Little did he know that the ‘Befikre’ star would not take this comment lying down. Ranveer challenged the filmmaker to a ‘pout-off’ and took the lead by posting a ‘pout perfect’ selfie with actress Karisma Kapoor. Dressed in an all-black outfit and beanie, the actor struck a pose with Lolo.

# Suicide Squad Movie Review



A group of criminals - the Suicide Squad - are recruited by the US government to rid the world of an otherworldly menace that can, and will destroy humanity if allowed to run unchecked. True to their nature of being anti-heroes though, they nonetheless are rebels with a cause, all motivated by a sliver of goodness that still shines deep inside despite dark past histories. They are a motley crew, but when all else fails, it is only the Squad that can get the job - whatever it may be - done.

REVIEW: Suicide Squad has all the ingredients that are collectively essential to a superhero film. Action, witty dialogues delivered at the best of times and lots of special effects thrown in as well. But what this gang of delightfully crazy rogues offer is something subversive, a disregard for any pretense of doing something noble, and yet, they are all motivated by a simple desire to just get a chance at living a normal life again. Away from prison cells and maximum security establishments.

Amanda Waller (Davis) is a US government operative who knows exactly how to manipulate the Squad. Rick Flagg (Kinnaman) is the only relatively 'normal' person of the lot, a professional soldier who follows orders and doesn't "cut and run" (as he mentions to Deadshot, played by Will Smith) when the going gets tough. Diablo (Hernandez) is the hothead - literally - who can torch up a place with no remorse. Cara Delevigne plays a witch without a clear motive for her evil ways (she is incidentally, the only weak link in this film) and then there is Harley Quinn (Robbie) who is in a word, simply fantastic. Delightfully loony, bubble gum-chewing, sexy as hell in hotpants and fishnet stockings, she caresses a phallic baseball bat in a manner that's almost erotic. She's also completely in love with The Joker (Leto). And special note must be made of Leto's brilliant essaying of this iconic character. DC fans will immediately see the clear reference to The Killing Joke comic book, about The Joker's origins. Don't miss this one. And stay for the end credits.

## Only America Can Keep a China-India War from Erupting

India and China are on a collision course. They boast the world's two largest populations, two of the fastest growing economies on the globe and aspirations to lead the way into a new Asian century. The two nations' fates will be intertwined for decades to come. Troublingly, China's move last week to block Indian membership in the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) is merely the latest sign of tension to emerge between the two Asian giants. Further competition and even confrontation await.

Competition between rising powers is hardly new or surprising. This particular case, however, shows China's intent to remain the sole Asian power stretching from Siberia to the Arabian Sea. This was most recently demonstrated last week when China led the push to exclude India from the NSG. Membership in the prestigious group, which controls the trade of nuclear material and related technologies, would facilitate India's nuclear power production. While legitimate concerns remain about India's status as a nuclear state, Prime Minister Modi's bid was backed by the United States, Britain, France and many others. These advocates could not overcome resistance spearheaded by the Chinese delegation, in a move that many Indians saw as purely political.

China's NSG position could be seen as warranted given India's failure to ratify the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear

Weapons, but Beijing routinely blocks Delhi's efforts to play a larger role on the international stage. India's push for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council and China's opposition to that move highlight this fact. Of the five current permanent members, only China has yet to offer even token support for the second-largest country in the world joining the exclusive group.

China and India have historically maintained relatively positive relations for such large, neighboring countries. The height of the Himalayas, and the long sea route between the two, have buffered most competition. Beijing's foreign policy concerns have chiefly resided east and southeast of the country, while India has contented itself in dealing with immediate neighbors and holding fast to the nonalignment policy of the Cold War. The border war of 1962 notwithstanding, relations between the two countries have been relatively sanguine.

An increasingly powerful and adventurous China and a more engaged India now appear to be clashing on multiple fronts. Border issues linger still, and reports of Chinese troops crossing the Line of Actual Control surface regularly in Indian and Western media. While conflict is unlikely to break out, China has been updating and reinforcing its forces stationed in Tibet, and the disagreement serves as a founda-

tion for other worries.

China's steadfast support of Indian archrival Pakistan troubles leaders in Delhi. China is a major supplier of military equipment and expertise to India's northwestern neighbor. Furthermore, cooperation with Islamabad figures prominently in Xi Jinping's One Belt, One Road initiative, and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor that will connect southwest China to the Pakistani port city of Gwadar is expected to pour tens of billions of dollars into Pakistan's economy and boost economic output by as much as 2.5 percent. Pakistani relations with China are the most severe cause of India's vexation with Chinese influence in the South Asia region; investment projects in Sri Lanka, Nepal and elsewhere have all drawn a watchful eye from India.

For China's part, leaders in Beijing have closely watched as Prime Minister Narendra Modi has fought political inertia to create a more open and engaged India. Of particular concern to China are burgeoning friendships and even partnerships with Western powers and their Asian friends. The mid-June Malabar naval exercise with India, Japan and the United States demonstrates this new approach. In April, the U.S. Department of Defense and Indian Ministry of Defence announced the planned completion of the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement,

which will allow for mutual logistical support and represents India's largest departure from nonalignment. These efforts, combined with India's engagement with ASEAN nations and Australia, further exacerbate Beijing's feelings of encirclement and could further ramp up Sino-Indian tensions.

What has thus far been mostly diplomatic jockeying could soon become a more dynamic and dangerous competition in the Indian Ocean. The Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy boasts increasingly capable systems and ambitious missions. Indian officials spot Chinese submarines near India's Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and further into the Indian Ocean, roughly four times per quarter. These will likely increase, and be joined by surface patrols, as China seeks to build its "Maritime Silk Route" that will allow it to exert influence and protect a supply chain running from Africa and the Middle East through the Indian Ocean, into the South China Sea and up to its eastern ports. In response, the MoD has stepped up investment in maritime awareness and antisubmarine capabilities, leaning heavily on U.S. expertise and support. In the coming years, Indian surveillance flights might be intercepted by Chinese fighters scrambled from a PLAN aircraft carrier—not a reassuring development, based on U.S. experience.



# Being Muslim in America

Islam in the U.S. has a long, rich history, but fears of terrorism complicate the future. Here's everything you need to know:

**How many Americans are Muslims?**  
The Pew Research Center estimates that 3.3 million Muslims live in the U.S., which makes Islam the nation's third-largest faith, behind Christianity and Judaism. It's a diverse population primarily divided among African-Americans, South Asians, and Arabs, and a well-educated one: About 40 percent of U.S. Muslims hold college degrees, as opposed to 29 percent of Americans overall. Though Muslims represent 1 percent of the population, they account for 10 percent of the nation's physicians, and have included such distinguished figures as boxer Muhammad Ali, urban architect Fazlur Khan, and cardiothoracic surgeon and TV personality Mehmet Oz. But since the Sept. 11 attacks, American Muslims have been widely viewed with suspicion, which has intensified with the rise of ISIS and terrorist attacks in San Bernardino, Orlando, and Europe. American Muslims resent being blamed for the horrific acts of a few extremists. "Muslims are not the Other," says Purdue University professor Su'ad Abdul Khabeer. "We're Americans whose history begins with the history of the country."

**When did Islam first come to America?**  
The earliest known Muslim to appear on the continent was a Moroccan slave, Estevanico, who was shipwrecked with Spaniards off present-day Galveston, Texas, in 1528 and helped explore the American Southwest. As many as 30 percent of Africans enslaved in the U.S. were Muslim. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Muslim immigrants arrived from Turkey,

Syria, and Lebanon, largely settling in the Midwest; later waves came from Bosnia, Albania, and other parts of Europe. In the 1960s, the Muslim population began to swell as the government lifted immigration quotas and many African-Americans began converting to Islam. Muslim immigration surged at century's end — 45 percent of today's Muslim-Americans arrived after 1990; between 1994 and 2011 the number of U.S. mosques more than doubled, from 962 to 2,106.

**How well have Muslims fit in?**  
A 2011 Pew survey found them "highly assimilated into American society and largely content with their lives." More than 80 percent of U.S. Muslims expressed satisfaction with life in America, and 63 percent said they felt no conflict "between being a devout Muslim and living in a modern society." About 70 percent of Muslim immigrants go on to become U.S. citizens, compared with 50 percent of other groups, and almost 6,000 Muslims serve in the U.S. armed forces. Most of the tips about radicalized Muslims in the U.S. come from the Muslim community itself, the FBI says. On the whole, says Pew researcher Besheer Mohamed, Muslims have made "a pretty significant embrace of American culture."

**Still, isn't radicalization a concern?**  
Yes, especially in the internet age. ISIS and other terrorist groups have become skilled at using social media and videos to lure young men who are "kind of living on the edge," says Andy Arena, former director of the FBI's Detroit office. Particularly ripe for recruitment are children of immigrants, such as Boston Marathon bombers Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev; San

Bernardino killer Syed Rizwan Farook; and Orlando shooter Omar Mateen. These second-generation Americans are sometimes confused about their cultural identity — "anchored neither in the old or in the new," says former CIA Director Michael Hayden. They may find resolution of that conflict in intense religious devotion — which today can be drawn from extremist sources online.

**How extensive is the problem?**  
Law enforcement sources estimate that 250 Americans have tried to join ISIS. That's far fewer than the thousands who flocked to Syria and Iraq from European nations with large, poorly assimilated Muslim communities, which make for prime recruiting targets. One major difference is that American Muslims are relatively prosperous. But there is one poor community of Muslims in the U.S. — the Minneapolis neighborhood dubbed "Little Mogadishu," home to the nation's largest Somali community. One-quarter of American ISIS recruits have come from this community. Terror recruiters tell potential members, "We have for you money, wife, and power," says Mohamed Mohamud, director of Minnesota's Somali American Parents Association. "A young kid who doesn't have enough mind to think, when he hears that, he goes."

**Will Muslims be accepted?**  
That remains to be seen. Due to high birth rates, the number of American Muslims is expected to grow to about 8 million by 2050 — eclipsing Jews as the second-largest religious group in the U.S. But this age of terrorism, and calls by Donald Trump and other politicians to ban Muslim immigrants or monitor Muslim communities,

have Muslims worried and in a defensive crouch. Many young Muslims say they encounter frequent anti-Muslim sentiment in schools and neighborhoods — and it's becoming more overt, not less. For 16-year-old Hebh Jamal of New York City, being called "a terrorist" has been a way of life. Sometimes, she adds, "you feel like the whole world is against you. It's exhausting."

**A Muslim majority in Michigan**  
The Detroit suburb of Hamtramck, Michigan, used to be 90 percent Polish-American and overwhelmingly Catholic. But most of the Poles moved out after the struggles of the U.S. auto industry, and immigration from Yemen, Bangladesh, and Bosnia has transformed the blue-collar town of 22,000 residents into the nation's first majority Muslim community. It's also the first to elect a majority Muslim council. The transition was sometimes tense — beginning in 2004, the town gave a local mosque permission to broadcast the 6 a.m. call to prayer from loudspeakers. Some residents — and anti-Muslim voices on the internet — accused the council of planning to usher in sharia law. But city councilor Saad Almasari says he represents all Hamtramck residents in accordance with local laws and the Constitution: "It was a political election, not a religious one." His goal, he says, isn't to make the city more Muslim but to "bring more financial resources to the city." Polish-American Mayor Karen Majewski says that Hamtramck is a place where diverse people "live next to each other, but not in some idealized Kumbaya, Epcot Center kind of way. It sometimes gets contentious, but we deal with it."



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12 August	<i>Phir Hera Pheri 3</i>	Comedy	Neeraj Vora	John Abraham, Abhishek Bachchan, Paresh Rawal
12 August	<i>Rustom</i>	Romance/Thriller	Neeraj Pandey	Akshay Kumar, Ileana D'Cruz, Esha Gupta
19 August	<i>Banjo</i>	Drama	Ravi Jadhav	Riteish Deshmukh, Nargis Fakhri
25 August	<i>A Flying Jatt</i>	Action	Remo D'Souza	Tiger Shroff, Jacqueline Fernandez, Salman Yusuff Khan, Shraddha Kapoor
2 September	<i>Dhoni: The Untold Story</i>	Sports/Biopic	Neeraj Pandey	Sushant Singh Rajput, Ram Charan, Anupam Kher, Fawad Khan, Kiara Advani, John Abraham, Zaheer Khan, Manjot Singh
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## How Trump has made fool out of himself?

- K. Ashraf

Mr. Donald Trump was never a presidential stuff. Everyone in the town knew it except Mr. Donald Trump. Clintons prayed that he wins the Republican nomination. It would have been difficult for Hillary Clinton to win election against any Republican candidate with political background. It would have been difficult for her to get away with the mess she has under her carpet. So her best shot was to face a non politician like Donald Trump in election. God is kind to her. He heard her prayers and Donald Trump won the Republican nomination.



Not everyone in Republican party happy on this nomination. Many had very serious reservations, but Mr. Trump did not take their reservations into consideration. Instead, he further alienated them with his indignant statements and behavior.

Politics is an art. Even if a politician wants to do the mudslinging on his opponents he has to do with sophistication--somewhat artistically. Mr Trump thought he can shoot as much mud he likes in and out on anyone he likes anyway he likes. It doesn't work in politics like that. A smart politician knows who to spare when shooting mud balls.

Mr. Trump remained determined to crush everyone who crossed his way. He did not spare anyone in Republican or Democratic party. So much so he went after the President. One may differ with President Obama on anything, but he made history. He is the first elected black president in the United States. Throwing mud on him is a bad move on Mr. Trump's part.

There are many other factors which are pushing Mr. Trump deeper and deeper in the political morass. Since he is not a politician he cannot understand. He is way behind in polls against Ms. Clinton. There are odd chances that he would win the US presidency. Why has he gone after John McCain and speaker of the house Mr. Paul Ryan? His announcement not to endorse them, in the conditions he is in, is insignificant. It may even have opposite effect. It will work to their benefit.

There are many other things. I can go on and on. Mr. Trump donated money to every politician left and right. It was his limit. He could continue doing this by remaining relevant in circles of power. But his ambitions deceived him. He has tried to grab something -- the presidency of the United States -- for which he has no acumen. He has become laughing-stock of the entire United States. He has made fool out of him by running for the office of the president of the United States. He was better off without it.

Hillary is moving toward victory stand steadfastly. I wrote this article two months ago and posted on face book. Read it and see how correct I was.

## America will make history again

K. Ashraf

Eight years ago, United States mad history by electing a first black President. Not only once, USA repeated this history again four years ago when she re-elected President

Obama for the second term.

America is going to make history again in coming election this year in November by electing first woman President Hillary Clinton. Many people may not agree with my assessment and call it a premature conclusion but that is what predictions are all about. I am predicting Hillary Clinton's victory in coming election.

Many political junkies have been talking about women presidents and prime ministers here and there in third world countries and degrading USA on this account they won't be able to do it after this year election.

Why I am predicting Hillary Clinton's imminent victory in up coming elections?

She has many flaws. She have some shady deals in her political career such as emails, but still she has very strong credentials to become the President of the United States in coming elections. Some people may not like another Clinton in President's office but we had another Bush in this office. If we can have another Bush, with much less qualifications and skills why not another Clinton. Of course, Hillary will be a better President than her husband Mr. Clinton. She have all the skills she needs to be a good president without much side issues like her husband.

Her opponent Mr. Trump is fast losing his colors. Although, with his strategy to shoot everyone with dirt possibly he can, but now this strategy is coming back to hunt him. With this strategy he has created more enemies than friends. Until now, American media has been not taking him seriously but it is not the case anymore. Now, the media is unmasking him. The new picture of Mr. Trump that media is painting is not very pleasant. He is fast sliding down in the random polls across the nation against Hillary Clinton. Also, Hillary Clinton has started hitting him back. She is showing her sophisticated skills while hitting Mr. Trump. Mr. Trump is vulgar. He uses street language against Hillary Clinton ( a woman). Americans adore women. No matter what, they do not like that kind of remarks about women and that too from the mouth of a person who aspires to be the President of the United States. Mr. Trump does not have the training in sophistication. He will continue using the same street language against Hillary Clinton. She is going to benefit from Mr. Trump's mudslinging. She will continue defending her and counter punching Mr. Trump in much more sophisticated way. This will take her to the victory stand.

In politics, Americans sometimes do make bad political choices. But they do not make that bad choices that they would elect Mr. Trump as President.

So those who are supporting Hillary Clinton against Mr. Trump should get ready to blow their trumpets in big victory parties across the country.

Sounds too early? May be. But it is the writing on the wall and I am reading it before it all takes place.

K. Ashraf

Berkeley, CA





**On the lighter side....**

The phlebotomist entered the hospital room to draw blood. Noticing an apple on the patient's nightstand, she remarked, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away."

"That's true," the patient replied. "I haven't seen a doctor in three days."

An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in her paintings that were on display. "Well, I have good news and bad news," the owner responded. "The good news is that a gentleman noticed your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death. I told him it would and he bought all 10 of your paintings."

"That's wonderful," the artist exclaimed. "What's the bad news?"

"The gentleman was your doctor."

Hearing his wife as she sings, the husband says, "You know dear, when you sing like that I just wish you were on the radio."

The wife smiles and replies, "Wow honey, you think I am that good?"

"No, but at least that way I can change the station or turn it off."

A woman had bought lots of shoes over time and she decided it was time to kick the habit. She really took it seriously, even changing her driving route to avoid her favorite shoe store. One evening, however, she arrived home carrying a shoe box. Her husband grinned at her, but it didn't faze her at all.



"These are very special shoes," she explained. "I accidentally drove by the shoe store and there in the window were the most perfect shoes I've ever seen! I felt this was no accident, so I thought I'd let fate decide. If I would get a parking spot directly in front of the shop, the shoes were meant for me. And sure enough, the eighth time around the block, there it was!"

A ham and cheese sandwich walks into bar and asks for a drink.

Bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve food here."

Father: What do you see in that boyfriend of yours?

Teen daughter: Well... he's reliable.

Father: He's always late picking you up!

Teen daughter: I know and I can always count on it. Remember when you had to sit in the front room with my dates until I was ready?

Father: Now that you mention it, I'm beginning to like this guy!

Patient: Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a dog.

Doctor: Lie down on the couch and I'll examine you.

Patient: I can't, I'm not allowed on the furniture.

A woman with a minor injury was at the hospital because her doctor said she wanted to take a closer look at it to make sure everything was all right. The woman's husband sits patiently in the waiting room.

After a few minutes, the doctor comes out and asks her assistant for a wrench, which understandably concerns the husband.

Then, after a couple more moments, the doctor re-enters the room, this time asking for a screwdriver. The husband grows worried and begins to pace in circles. Then, a little later, the doctor bursts through the doors screaming for a hammer and at that, the husband, in a state of frenzied fear, runs up and asks, "Doctor, what the heck is wrong with my wife?"

"I don't know," replies the flustered doctor, "I can't get my bag open!"

A woman had been talking on the phone for about half an hour, and then she hung up.

"Wow," said her husband, "that was short. You usually talk for two hours. What happened?"

"Wrong number," replied the wife.



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